

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Rice Problems

THE Civic Association has attempted to strike a balance between Government's proposed new rice importation scheme and the ideal of completely free trading and the solution—the Singapore scheme—appears a logical and sensible move towards putting rice trading in the Colony on a far sounder basis. Their findings require thorough study by the authorities before existing plans are allowed to proceed any further. Promotion of any scheme designed to bring prices down to economic levels, however, constitutes only half the answer to the question, and wider considerations have to be brought into focus to give the overall picture a dimensional effect. Not only is there need for a correction of existing trading procedures in the Colony but there is at present a state of chaos in the marketing organizations in at least two South-east Asian countries, Burma and Siam, which, if allowed to continue unchecked, can only lead to a crisis in food production and supply in this part of the world in the not too distant future. In short the success of any new trading scheme in the Colony depends to a large extent on external factors which at the moment give no promise of a satisfactory solution. Siam still has rice from the 1951-52 harvest lying rotting in Bangkok warehouse, rice for which she is asking boom prices although most of it is not fit for human consumption. Both Siam and Burma have in the past had their revenue (for the State sale of rice is their principal source of income) on selling a fixed tonnage to regular importing countries and fixing the price as high as it will go—a rather strange and short-sighted policy. They should be trying to sell more at lower prices to get the same amount of revenue. For experts believe the present rice surplus may last for as long as ten years. Not only is there a danger that Burma and Siam—if they continue to pursue present policies—will earn disavowal among their Southeast Asian neighbours who rely on these imports of rice, but they face the internal predicament recently expressed by Prime Minister U Nu of Burma: unless the country's existing stocks are rapidly cleared the Government will find it hard to get the money to buy the new harvest from farmers. Since rice exports concede there is virtually no way of "stabilising" consumption and production of rice, the major Southeast Asian exporters would be better advised to adopt a more flexible price policy related to the laws of supply and demand. Such a policy offers good chances of success for the prospects are that India and China with their growing populations will be forced to import greater supplies in the years ahead.

# ENGLAND ALL OUT FOR 296

## And The Highlights:

### Century By May Tail Wags Merrily

Sydney, Dec. 21.

The England team was all out in the second innings for 296 just before tea in the second Test in Sydney today leaving Australia 223 runs to get for an outright win in just over a day's play.

When play resumed today, England was 204 for four wickets. But the wickets of May, Edrich, Evans, Tyson, and Wardle crashed one by one until at 250 for nine wickets, tail-enders Statham and Appleyard (both bowlers) took hold of the Australian bowling and battered it all around the Sydney cricket ground.

In about an hour the two added 46 runs for the last wicket before Statham was caught by wicket-keeper Langley off the bowling of Bill Johnston for 25 runs. Appleyard was not out 19.

Peter May scored a century in the first over of the day when he hit a four off Lindwall. He went out two runs later.

Reuter reports: Peter May, 98 overnight, crowned a grand batting display on the resumption of the second Test match this morning by reaching his century with a two off Lindwall's second ball. May took 20 minutes for his 100, which included ten boundaries. It is his highest score against Australia and, in the opinion of commentators, his best because he came through when England most badly needed runs.

Play was suspended at the end of Lindwall's over, the first of

the day—because of a driving rain, and England was 209 for four when the teams retired to the pavilion.

**WICKET PERFECT**  
Play was resumed after a 16-minute interruption.

Commentators said the wicket looked perfect and still full of run, though perhaps more favourable to batsmen than at any other time in the match. But the sky was cloudy and a gusty wind was blowing across the field.

Edrich was bowled by Archer in the last over of the morning after he had made 29 in a scratchy innings.

By dismissing Peter May and Edrich Australia had again assumed a dominant position at lunch.

**ONLY 28 RUNS**  
At the interval England was 232 for six—an addition of 28 runs to the overnight score of 204 for four.

Tyson retired hurt after scoring one run when, turning his back to a ball from Lindwall which lifted unexpectedly, he was hit on the head and slumped on the pitch. After first-aid he was assisted off the field by ambulance men.

Reuter.

### B.E.A. Engineers Report For Work

London, Dec. 20. Most of the 315 British European Airways engineers dismissed on Friday for staging a protest meeting in working hours reported today to ask for their jobs back.

The engineers were sacked by Mr. Peter Massfield, chief executive of B.E.A., because they attended a mass meeting during working hours "in flagrant defiance of orders."—Reuter.

### 'Keep Calm' Plea

Athens, Dec. 21.

King Paul of Greece called on Greeks last night to keep calm over the Cyprus issue. In a broadcast on the United Nations decision to shelve Greece's request for self-determination for the British colony, he declared: "The temporary disappointment should not make us short-sighted."

If the allies had forgotten Greece's sacrifices for them, "the best way to remind them is for us to remember their own sacrifices for Greece." "Such sacrifices are carved on the many British graves in Greece."—Reuter.

### 'Santa Claus' Gang Seized In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Yokohama police reported today they had arrested four "Father Christmas" gang members on charges of burglary.

A group of about 20 burglars were dubbed the "Santa Claus" gang when they started operating some months ago because of their method of entering the buildings they were robbing.

### 10-Year Old Mother



Pretty, blonde, diminutive Felicia Delgado Gomez, daughter of a humble farm worker, only ten years old, has given birth by caesarean operation, to a 5lbs. 12ozs. baby boy, in the hospital of the United Fruit Company, Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.

Four leading obstetricians travelled the 100 miles from San Jose to Puerto Limon by aeroplane to assist at the birth. Felicia is only 4ft. 4ins. tall. Three days after the operation she was able to sit up in bed but preferred to play with her doll (Margaret) which had been given to her by one of the doctors rather than with her own baby.

The United Fruit Company furnished all medical attention and services gratis.—London Express Photo.

### 'One Man, One Wife,' She Says

### 'Campaigning Cleopatra' Arrives In Colony

Madame Doria Shafik, visiting Egyptian suffragette, thinks it is wrong for any man to have more than one wife.

President of "Daughters of the Nile" Association and known all over the world as the "Campaigning Cleopatra", Dr. Shafik landed at Kai Tak this morning by PAA aircraft from Tokyo in the course of her 80-day world tour for the cause of Egyptian women.

Having visited most of the countries in Europe and America prior to her arrival here, Madame Shafik will next visit India and Ceylon as state guest.



MADAME SHAFIK

Commenting on polygamy, she quoted the Koran as saying: "You may have two, three, or four wives, if you are equal between them, but you will never be equal between them even if you try."

That, as propounded by the great Egyptian religious leader, Sheikh Mohamed Abdou, must be interpreted as meaning equal

rights for women in the teaching of the Koran, she added.

And equal rights for women is the cardinal aim of the "Daughters of the Nile", a movement Madame Shafik started in 1948. Three years later she led 1,000 Egyptian women to storm the Parliament but their demands were rejected by King Farouk. In March this year, she led a hunger strike which was called off on the eighth day only when Government promised to accord full political rights to her compatriots in the new Egyptian Constitution.

**THE REAL FIGHT**  
Madame Shafik pointed out that even though the draft of the new Constitution had been completed last month, with full rights for women included, the real fight would begin when, after elected to Parliament, women legislators would seek to enact laws for the protection of women and children.

Talpiere:—No representatives from any of the Colony's women organisations were at Kai Tak this morning to greet her.

### Defence Commission Favours Postponement

### NEW PLEA BY DEPUTIES TO DELAY DEBATE

Paris, Dec. 20.

The National Defence Commission today voted in favour of postponing a National Assembly debate on the Paris agreements rearming West Germany.

Radical deputy, M. Vincent Badie, said for the Commission that the treaties reconstituted a German Army without sufficient control and that prohibition of certain armament was not firm enough.

His Commission, therefore, wanted a delay in the debate until these and other points were cleared up and until the last chances of negotiation had been used up.

Premier Mendes-France, from his bench, said he agreed with the speaker.

M. Vendroux said the Paris treaties should be ratified once the Saar agreement had been ratified by both signatories.

M. Mendes-France freed the most crucial test on his six months as chief of the French government tonight when the National Assembly launched its debate on ratification of the Paris Agreements on West European defence.

The debate on ratification followed a victory for the government—by a surprisingly comfortable majority—on the highly controversial Indo-China budget issue. The vote of confidence on Indo-China, which took the form of an acceptance of M. Mendes-France's Indo-China budget, was 310 to 172.

Last Friday, the Premier suffered his first parliamentary defeat when the Assembly rejected the government's first Indo-China budget. The confidence vote was on a modified version of the budget.

### SURMOUNT AVERSATIONS

The debate on ratification of the Paris Agreements was opened by M. Pierre Billotte of the Dissident Gaullists (ARS) group, who urged France "to surmount its aversions, its anxieties and its complexes" in agreeing to the rearmament of West Germany, a key provision of the Paris accords.

M. Billotte urged ratification of the Agreements on behalf of the majority of the Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, which voted for ratification by the slim margin of 18 to 15, with 13 abstentions.

In the Indo-China budget debate, the unexpectedly large majority obtained by the Premier was explained mainly by the decision of the Christian Democratic MRP to abstain, rather than vote against the Government, as it had done in the great majority of Social Republicans (Former Gaullists) and a sizable proportion of Conservative Independents and Peasants. This success can be attributed to M. Mendes-France's astute appeal to the Assembly.—Reuter & France Presse.

### U.S. Armed Forces To Be Cut Again

Washington, Dec. 20. The U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, announced today the strength of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps would be cut by an additional total of about 230,000 men by June 1956.

At a press conference he also announced that the 1st Marine Division would be withdrawn from Korea shortly and moved to the U.S. west coast, where it would be ready as a highly trained amphibious force. The Marine Division would be replaced by an Army division now stationed in Japan.

"This means a reduction of a division in Japan," he added.

### JAPAN'S FORCES

He gave the present strength of the United States forces in Japan as one Marine Division, two Army divisions and a regimental combat team. Asked for the reason for the decision, Mr. Wilson replied only "the Japanese are building up their own forces." He said the proposed new reduction in the strength of the armed forces could not affect United States responsibilities and obligations in Europe.

Mr. Wilson said the cuts would not affect the air force which would actually show a very slight increase by June, 1956. The proposed new cuts, in addition to the present reductions, will bring the total strength of the armed forces from the November 1954 figure of 3,218,000 to 2,616,000 men.

With reduction of 173,000 men already planned, the cuts in the armed forces in the next 18 months will actually total 403,000.

The total cut in the armed services by 1956—nearly 13 per cent of the present strength—is the largest and most rapid reduction since "demobilisation after the war."

### BUDGET BALANCE

The cuts were originally planned to be completed a year later by June 1957.

The decision was made after intervention in Army budget planning by President Eisenhower, who is faced with the task of getting as near as possible to a balanced 1955-56 budget by the end of the year.

In answer to questions Mr. Wilson estimated that military spending for the current year would be reduced by about \$250 million. (\$289,285,000).—Reuter.

### Man Killed In Windmill Gears

Saint Laurent, France, Dec. 20.

A retired miller was ground to death by his son's windmill yesterday.

Francois Lezio, 59, was alone in the mill when he apparently tried to place a sack near the millstones. The whirling mill shaft caught his clothing and drew him into the gears.—United Press.

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### BRITAIN SEEKS LIMIT ON NUCLEAR TESTS

London, Dec. 20.

Britain will propose the limitation of experimental nuclear explosions, well-informed circles reported here today.

The British Government will suggest this limitation, which will apply to the hydrogen bomb and the strategic atomic bomb, at the meeting of the United Nations Disarmament sub-committee, in London, early next year, these circles added.

**NOT PROHIBITION**  
It was pointed out that the move was simply one of "limitation" and not "prohibition," which was considered impracticable at the present time.

The British Government merely envisaged an agreement between the United States, the Soviet Union and the Commonwealth to limit nuclear "experiments" in the present time.

**IN WASHINGTON**, the Weekly News magazine, U.S. News and World Report, published a report on a Japanese Government proposal to limit nuclear "experiments" to one per year.

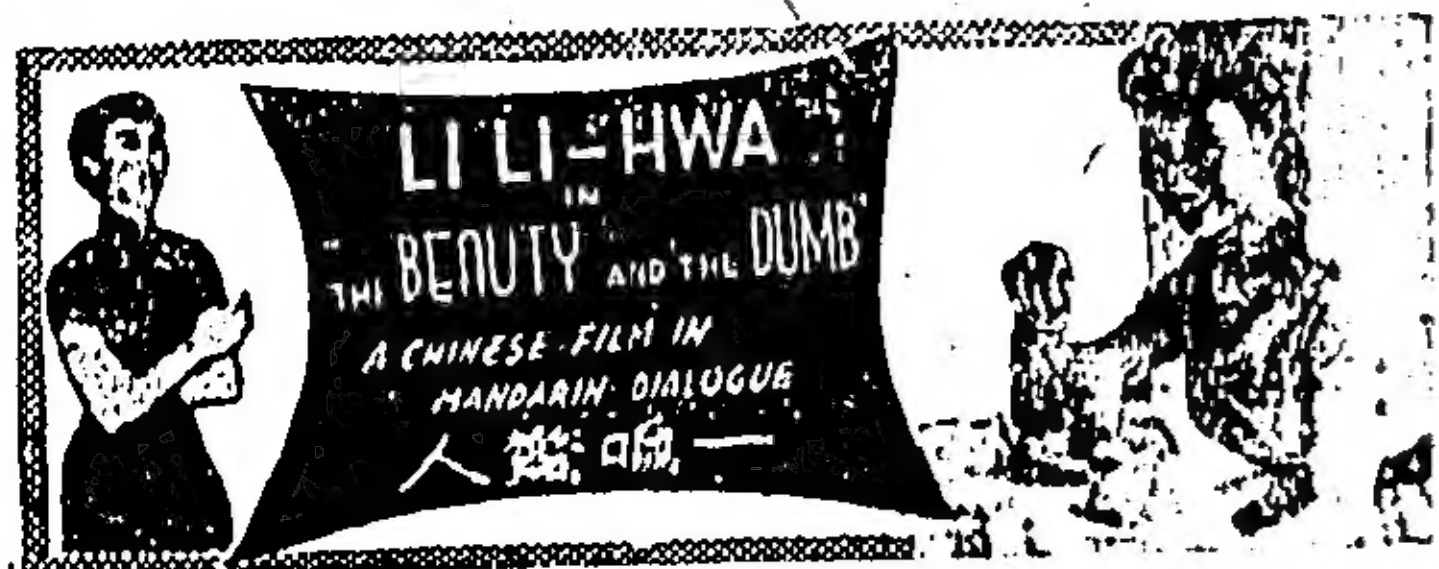
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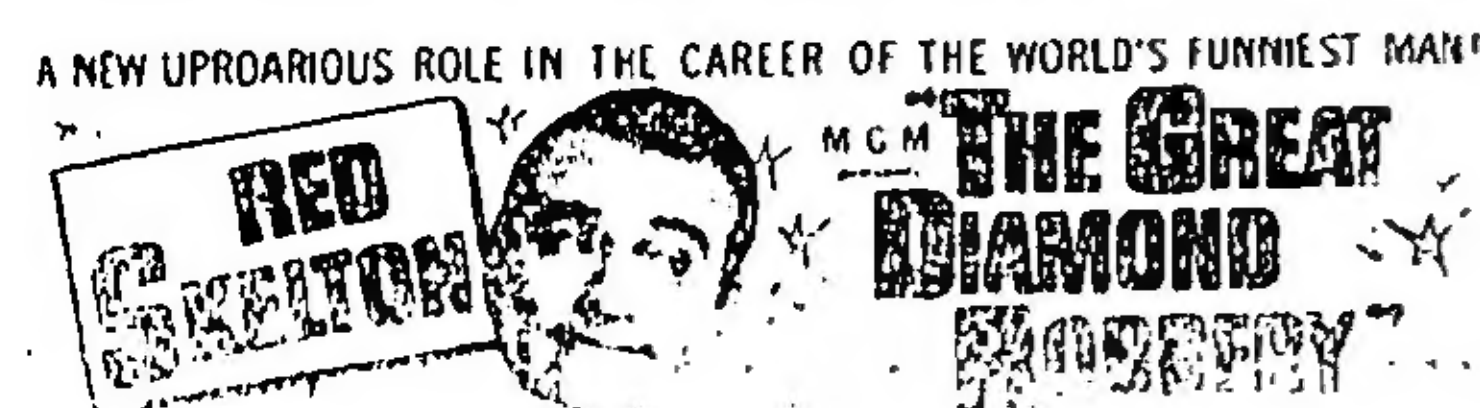


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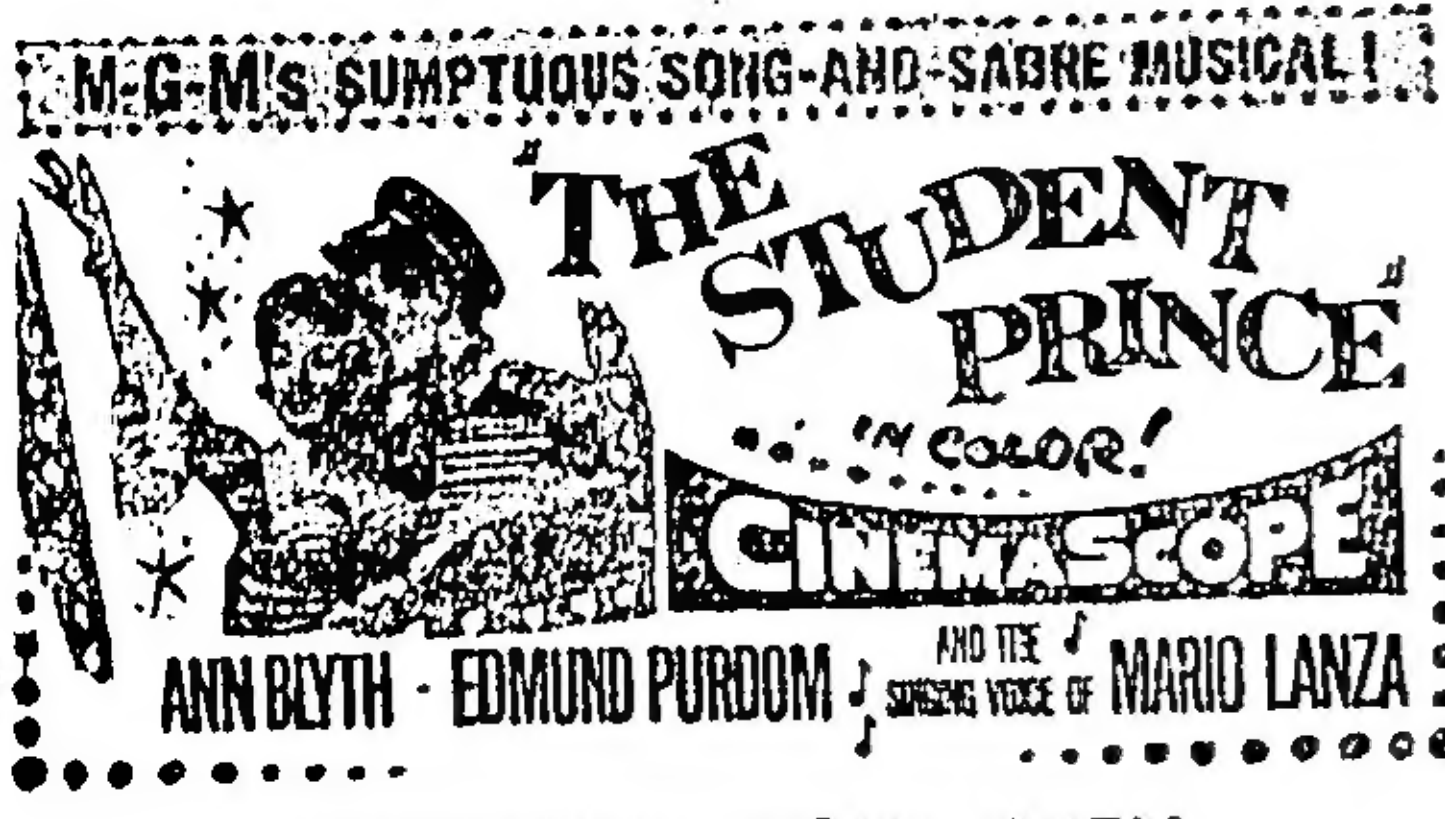
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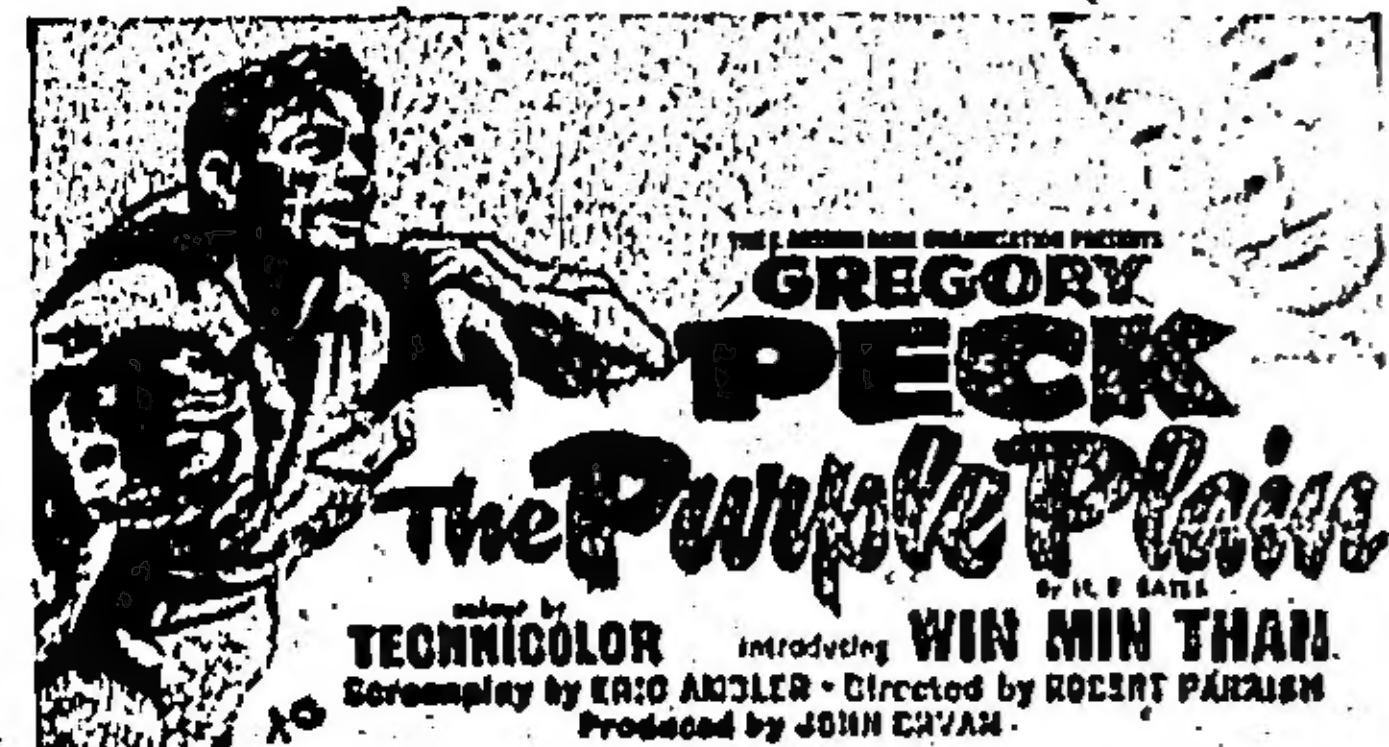
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**END OF THE WORLD****DUKE AT SMITHFIELD SHOW**

It was a proud moment at the Smithfield Show at Earls Court, London, for Duke of Edinburgh, when he was tickled on the nose by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke, touring the exhibition, paused to admire and fondle this fine entry among the Galloway Steers.—Reuterpholo.

**Investigation Into Homosexual Activities On Campus**

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 20.

A former geography professor who served as student counsellor testified today that a "number of girls" at Florida State University came to him "in tears and threatening suicide" because of homosexual activities on the campus.

Professor Robert Leathers told the acting Governor, Mr Charles Johns, that he was "concerned" about the widespread practice of sex perversion at the school.

Prof. Leathers, who started an investigation of Florida State University's athletic policies, said the athletic director, Howard Danford—a 200-pound former football player—"blacked" his eye over the alleged inquiry into University sports.

But the University accused the little professor, a short, scholarly-looking man, of "immorality and vulgarity" in the classroom and of making a girl student write a paper on homosexuality on the FSU campus to improve her grade in geography.

Governor Johns interrupted Prof. Leathers' testimony to ask what the college was doing about the homosexual problem. "Nothing that I know of except once in a while to kick out a faculty member or a student as a horrible example," said Prof. Leathers.

He admitted he had known faculty members who were dismissed for homosexuality.

He denied that he had asked a girl student to write a paper on the subject. He said the student, who he said was from Pensacola, came to him with a problem too embarrassing to discuss. "I suggested to her that she let down the points she would like to discuss but she never did and I had no further discussions about it," Prof. Leathers told the Governor.—United Press.

**Reshuffle Of Libyan Cabinet**

Tripoli, Dec. 20.

The Prime Minister, Mustafa ben Halim, arrived today in a special U.S. Air Force plane, carrying a Royal Decree reshuffling the Cabinet.

The decree, dated December 19, lists Ben Halim as Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

The others were: Ibrahim ben Shaban, Defence Minister; Dr Ali Onazi, Finance Minister; Abdel Rahman Galud, Justice Minister; Mustafa Serra, Education Minister; Mohammed ben Othman, Health Minister; Ali Sahill, Communications Minister (previously President of the Cyrenaica Executive Council); Salem Agul, Minister of National Economics.

Another Royal Decree issued today appointed Khalil Banani acting Chief of the Royal Diwan, replacing Fathi Abideyan, who was transferred to the Foreign Office.—United Press.

**U.N. Secretary Joins Academy 'Immortals'**

Stockholm, Dec. 20.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, today was seated among the "18 immortals" of the Swedish Academy, replacing his father, the late Premier Hjalmar Hammarskjöld.

The Secretary-General delivered a lengthy speech in honour of his father but did not mention his forthcoming visit to Communist China to confer with Premier Chou En-lai about the 11 American airmen held on spy charges.

King Gustaf Adolf and other members of the royal family attended the ceremony with members of the Swedish Government and representatives of cultural organisations.

Mr Hammarskjöld spoke at the Academy's annual meeting in the Stock Exchange building and thanked his father for inspiring him to a "life of faith in justice and in self-respecting service under a responsibility which united us all."

The Secretary-General was accompanied by Mr. Wilander, of the United Nations Department of Information.—United Press.

**IN 1955 Doctor Claims Contacts In Outer Space****CHICAGO THREATENED BY TIDAL WAVE TODAY**

Chicago, Dec. 20.

Dr Charles Laughhead, who predicts the end of the world by 1955, said today that a last-minute check with informants in outer space had "confirmed" that tidal waves and earthquakes would engulf Chicago and the Middle West tomorrow.

Dr Laughhead expects the massive upheavals may extend to the East and West Coasts as well.

The Chicago Weather Bureau was unimpressed. It issued routine, humdrum forecasts for cloudy and chilly weather tomorrow.

A forecaster said no tidal waves were expected, but then "we don't have any friends in outer space."

**CAREFREE**

Chicagoans generally also appeared carefree and unworried by any impending doom as they went about their Christmas shopping in droves. One enterprising tavern owner scheduled an "end of the world" party.

Dr Laughhead, 44-year-old physician who lost a \$10,000 a year job at the Michigan State College Hospital for his predictions, said he had "no details" on exactly what time or where the upheavals would take place.

But he said Chicago was supposed to catch the brunt of destruction, which will be the forerunner to the complete wreckage of the world next year.

He has credited the predictions to Mrs Dorothy Martin, 63, who claims she is in communication with "controllers" in outer space who can foretell the future.

Dr Laughhead said Mrs Martin made the 11th hour check with the "controllers" and learned

there had been no change in plans for tomorrow.

**PLANS UNCERTAIN**  
The tall, ascetic-looking physician refused to reveal his own plans for meeting disaster—whether he would remain in the city or take to the hills. He said all he could say was that his plans were "very uncertain from now on"—United Press.

**Balloon Shot Down**

London, Dec. 20.

Fighter planes shot down a Royal Air Force balloon trailing 3,000 feet of cable as it drifted over the sea from England today, heading for Europe.

The balloon had broken away from the base at Aberporth, North Wales, early this morning and travelled rapidly across country.

Newspaper phones began to ring as the mysterious "flying saucer," twinkling in the sunshine, swept across the blue sky above at a height of 10,000 feet.—Reuter.

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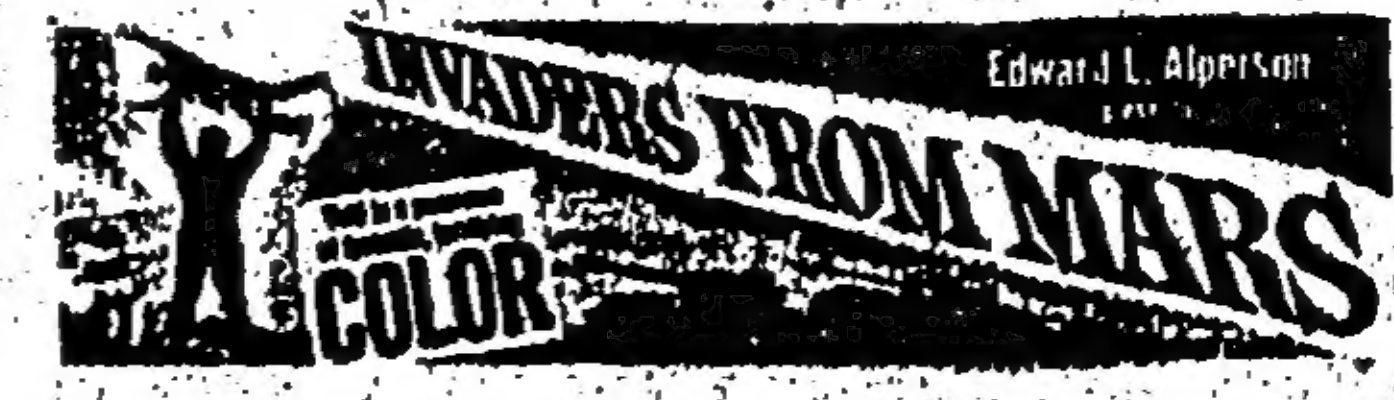
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# ATOMS FOR PEACE PLAN

## American Business Men And Scientists Set Up Organisation

Detroit, Dec. 20.

A group of American business men and scientists set up an organisation today to try to put President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan into effect.

Mr Walker Cislir, president of Detroit Edison, who will head the new organisation, said it was hoped the organisation would be the forerunner of similar groups in other countries that eventually would lead to an international organisation to push development of peaceful uses of atomic energy.

### Kenya Police Chief Resigns

Nairobi, Dec. 20.—The Kenya Government today announced the resignation of Colonel Young, Kenya Police Commissioner and chief of police.



COL. A. YOUNG

Kenya at the end of this month. He would be succeeded by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Collins.

The announcement said: "The reason for Colonel Young's resignation are differences of opinion between himself and the Kenya Government over matters of policy."—Reuter.

Nairobi, Dec. 20.—Mr. Mau Mau leader, General K. I. Ma, has been charged with the death sentence passed on him at Mombasa last month for illegal possession of a revolver and ammunition, it was announced today.

The Judge of the East African Appeal Court, dismissed the appeal against the death sentence, which was handed by two African judges who were dealt with at the same time as Kaleda.—Reuter.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 3 Gourmets (8).
- 7 Sent (5).
- 8 Gather together (8).
- 10 Chest (6).
- 13 Earnest (7).
- 15 Part of a necktie (4).
- 17 Advanced in years (7).
- 18 Set free (7).
- 20 Paroled (4).
- 21 Abrades (7).
- 22 Occuper (7).
- 27 Essay (6).
- 28 Vigorous (5).
- 29 Put back (8).

#### DOWN

- 1 Missiles (5).
- 2 Twelve (5).
- 3 Ship's company (4).
- 4 Plunder (6).
- 5 Stable (6).
- 6 Accent (5).
- 11 Equestrian (6).
- 12 Suffered continuous pain (5).
- 14 Chances (6).
- 15 Consequence (5).
- 16 Foreign (5).
- 18 Beam (6).
- 19 Passenger ships (6).
- 22 Stagers (6).
- 23 Stop temporarily (6).
- 24 Remains (5).
- 25 German, Christian name (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1. Scorn, 5. Saved, 8. Upped, 9. Raptor, 10. Nomad, 11. Divan, 12. Eels, 13. Tests, 16. Morose, 18. Orator, 20. Tenet, 22. Dull, 23. Salad, 25. Staid, 26. Tamed, 27. Doves, 28. Alter, 29. Shield. Down—1. Sergeant, 2. Napoleon, 3. Ruod, 4. Apricot, 5. Senator, 6. Alones, 7. Exact, 14. Secluded, 15. Secluded, 16. Maltreat, 17. Rotates, 19. Reside, 21. Kiosk, 24. Dash.

### Nazareth Ceremony



Catholics of Nazareth and Northern Israel held special ceremonies and High Masses to mark the 100th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and the end of the "Marian Year". The ceremonies included a torchlight procession through the streets of Nazareth to the Church of the Annunciation. A cornerstone for a new Church has been laid for the Annunciation—the Church is expected to be the largest in the whole of the Middle East. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Alberto Gori is pictured taking part in the ceremonies.—Express Photo.

## Girl Strangled: Two U.S. Sailors Held

Newport, R.I., Dec. 20.

Two sailors faced arraignment in District Court today on murder and accessory charges in the strangling of a pretty 16-year-old Sunday School teacher who had urged the public to be "kinder to sailors."

### Terrier Lived Month In Fox-Hole

Rochdale, England, Dec. 20.

A four-year-old terrier, which disappeared down a fox-hole, has returned to its owner, farmer Bill Gammon, after being missing 32 days.

The terrier, named Peggy, is believed to have lived on food brought in to the hole by foxes during its time underground. Another dog disappeared into the hole with Peggy. "We dug away tons of earth trying to reach them," Mr Gammon said, "and then we gave them up for dead."

The hole is believed to lead into a maze of old mine workings under the moors near here.

"We are now redoubting our efforts to find the other dog," Mr Gammon added.

"He might still be alive and existing on food he steals from the foxes."—China Mail Special.

### Stalin Peace Prize For Pitt

Moscow, Dec. 20.

One of the 1954 Stalin international prizes awarded for "outstanding services in the cause of peace" announced here today goes to Mr Dennis Neil Pitt, the English barrister who defended Jomo Kenyatta, in the Kenya Mau Mau trials.

Other prize winners include the Burmese writer Takin Kodo Hmaling, the Helsinki University professor, Dr Felix Iversen and Professor Pri Iono of Djakarta.

The French poet Luis Aragon was on the selection committee, together with the Soviet academician Dimitri Skobeltzin and the Chinese writer Kuo Ko-je.—France-Press.

## A Chief Constable blames crime on U.K. 'soft' schools

Blackpool, Dec. 20.

Britain's schools are too soft. The "spare the rod" policy is not helping the police to check the crime wave, said the Chief Constable of Lancashire, Colonel T. E. St Johnstone, to an area conference of 100 probation officers at Blackpool.

"It is not suggested that our educational system has in any way encouraged children to commit crime," he said, "but it may well be that reluctance to administer corporal punishment in schools has had a detrimental effect."

"It is essential that firmness and properly applied discipline should be maintained in the schools if the child is to be accepted into normal society, and it is felt that the educational system today is falling to some extent in this respect."

Of Britain's homes Colonel St Johnstone said: "There is no doubt that a good deal of the crime committed at the present time is due to the manner in which parents are bringing up their children."

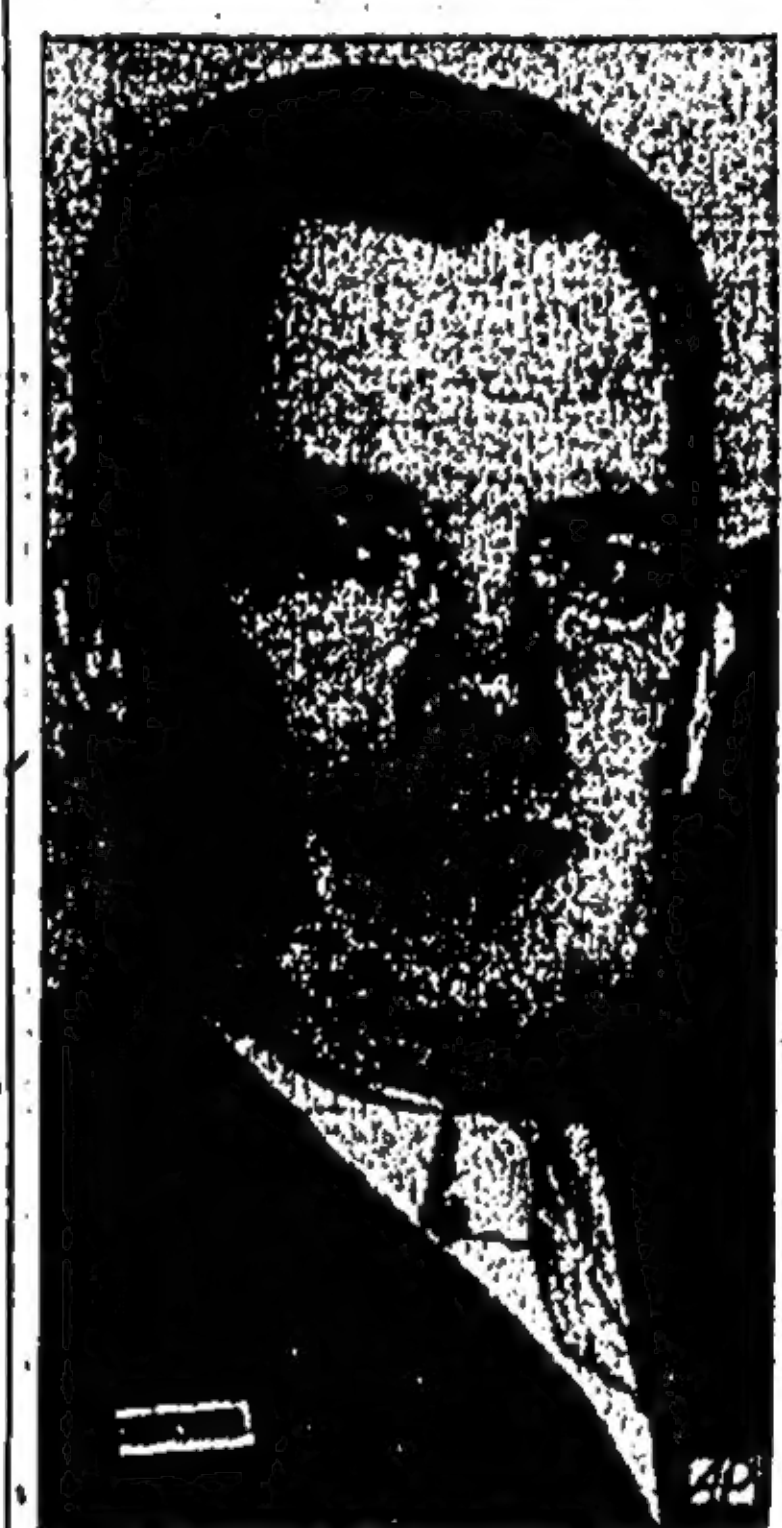
Children, he often relied on their misbehavior, being provided for them, and many crimes were committed for personal gain such as getting money for the pictures. "I believe schoolmasters and mistresses hold a special responsibility in achieving an improve-

## Bulge Hero To Command U.S. Army In Europe

Washington, Dec. 20.

Lt-Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, famed hero of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, today was named Commanding General of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Gen. McAuliffe will succeed Gen. William M. Hoge, a combat veteran of both World Wars and Korea. Gen. Hoge will retire from the Army at the end of



LT-GEN. ANTHONY  
McAULIFFE

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Gen. McAuliffe, now Commander of the Seventh Army in Germany, will be succeeded in that post by Lt-Gen. Henry I. Hodes, now Commanding General of the Seventh Corps in Europe. No successor has been named for Gen. Hodes.

Gen. McAuliffe won fame during World War II when he replied "nuts" to a German demand that he surrender his troops at Bastogne during the Bulge.—United Press.

London, Dec. 20. A design of an 80 feet high tapestry by Mr. Graham Sutherland, painter of the controversial birthday portrait of Sir Winston Churchill, was approved today by officials of Coventry Cathedral.

The tapestry, which may take three or four years to complete, will hang on the eastern wall of Coventry's new Cathedral.—China Mail Special.

## Fighter Will Break Sound Barrier In Climb

Paris, Dec. 20.

France will next year have an interceptor fighter capable of breaking the sound barrier in a vertical climb, the French aircraft designer M. Leduc announced today.

He said that the plane known as the Leduc 022 and called the "flying stove pipe" would be able to reach its interception position at 14,000 metres (42,000 feet) in two and a half minutes.

The plane is a development of the Leduc 021 which has already been thoroughly tested.

The plane is driven by a new type of power unit known as "thermo-propulsion," in which the thrust is provided by burning gases.—France-Press.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



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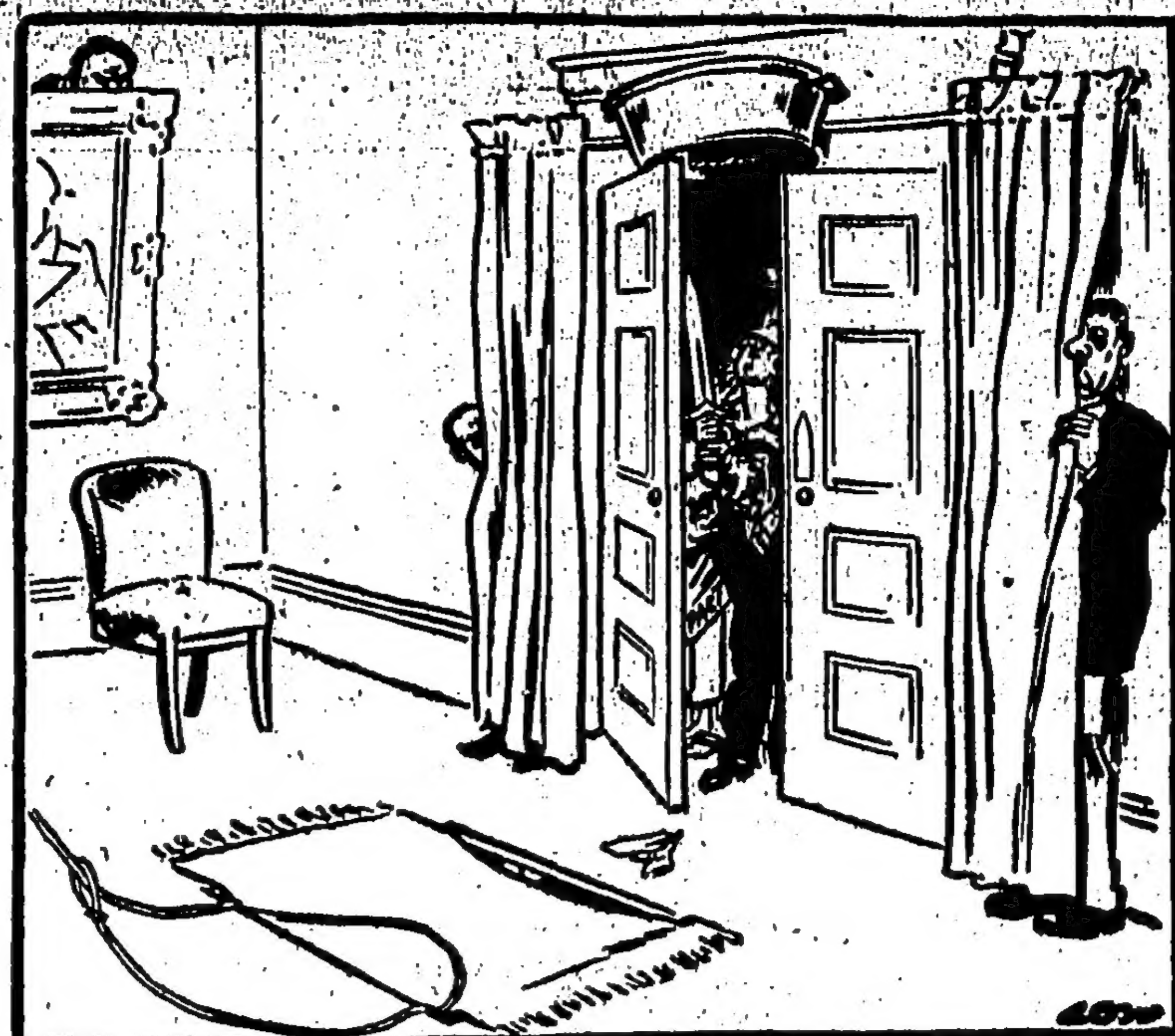
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## FRENCH with TEARS



**TOM STACEY  
dines out on  
the Equator  
with despair  
on the menu**

TOM STACEY, 24-year-old Old Etonian who wrote *The Hottest Sun*, best-seller describing how he found a lost tribe in Malaya, continues today the story of his new journey—through unexplored territories of Africa.

I AM going to tell you what I think makes these primitive Africans tick. Also, which is more to the point, about what makes them not tick. I have now moved northwards, and I am still among the Fang tribe, one of the chief tribal groups of this western side of French Equatorial Africa.

With me still is Erisa Kironde, my African friend from Uganda, whom I got to know when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge.

I spend most of my time in exclusively African company, not so much that I necessarily enjoy it more than European company but because I am out here to see the Africans.

### Inefficiency

SOMETIMES, when I feel my nice tropical suit is getting a bit musty, I put it on and go and have dinner with the nearest French District Officer, or some Frenchman running a jungle timber concession. We always talk about the same thing: the Africans. These French put on an air of exasperation, a "can-you-believe-it" attitude, as they recite to me tale after tale of African backwardness, stupidity, and general hopelessness.

If one did not happen to know otherwise, it would be very easy to think as these French do. For the French, through their colonial inefficiency here have made a sorry mess of their Africans.

I know Paris is poor, and there has been a war in Indo-China but that does not add up to much of an excuse for what I have seen. There is no road (or any other kind of transport) between the two main cities, Brazzaville and Kinshasa, which are only 100 miles apart. The roads are in a state of complete disrepair, and the only way to travel is by air or by a very slow and unreliable river boat.

bridges, sunk ferries or rafts which have become a little too ravinous. And, for long passages, it is officially only possible during the dry season (four months).

This style of colonial development means the children do not get to school (precious few schools anyway), the sick cannot get to hospital, smallholders' produce cannot reach outside markets, and civilised influences just sit around the few little European settlements which cling to the three main rivers or the sea shore.

Talking of hospitals, I have taken a close look at two, both run by the Government. First was in Brazzaville, the capital town. The proud old missionary who showed us round claimed it was the biggest and finest in the colony.

My friend Erisa, who is accustomed to British hospitals in Uganda, was shocked by the dirt and inefficiency he saw. (It all brings out the Union Jack in me too.)

### Experiment

AT the second hospital, at Lambarene, I tried the following experiment. I instigated the admission of a new case—an African lass whose pretty face was spoiled by a nastily poisoned eye. The girls were lanced, doped, and away she was sent with no instructions to come back and nothing over her cooing eye.

I took her back to the hospital that very hour and asked why the eye had not been bandaged.

"Bandages all finished," the African dresser told me with a warm smile. "All this sort of thing means that the people do not put much faith in what the white man, the eternal preoccupation of the African mind, has got to offer. All they know is that when the white man turns up with some idea, like cutting down the jungle there are nice coloured shirts and cheap wood wine worth working a little for."

But then follows demoralisation with old tribal values and discipline lost, plenty of diseases, no children because of disease and low fertility, pride and plenty of punishment for crimes not understood.

The French had a great governor here once—during the last war. He was a West Indian African called Felix Thomas. He set about solving the problem of the natives, but he was not a success. He was a very good man, but he was not a success. He was a very good man, but he was not a success. He was a very good man, but he was not a success.

the back of the class asking: Why doesn't he help himself? Here is my answer. It is a hot and wet climate cut here. Like all climates it has plenty of effect on the local folk. In particular, it does two things to them: it panthers them, and it gives them disease. When the rivers are a wriggle with fishes, and the forest running with rump steaks and knobly with delicious fruits (bananas and melons grow at a chuck of the seed), you get to lose the habit of trying. And after a bit you fail to do even what is easy to do—such as feed yourself and clean yourself properly.

Second result is disease; for this is a climate beloved by microbes of every sort. Best official figures available show that 90 per cent of all Africans in this area are suffering from disease of one kind or another.

### Only Fit Man

I CALLED in at one village on the NGounie river. It had a population of 27. Twenty-six were ill enough to go to hospital. Both children (brothers, five and seven) were dumb. The only fit man was the medicine man, who was making an excellent living.

This does not make for very perky individuals and when you add all the other things I have mentioned you get the empty-headed, semi-exhausted, ambitious, inefficient individuals about whom these French do so much shrugging of shoulders.

Now, please, you French, let me beg you pull up those dainty knees-high white socks you all like to wear so much, and till lower the Union Jack a little.

## Marlene's grandsons CYCLE in the kitchen

By EVE PERRICK

IN the most fascinating kitchen I've ever seen, which is in the most fascinating house I visited in New York, where lives the most fascinating woman I met in America, a Victorian sampler on the wall proclaims: "This is the house the Rivas built."

The self-advertisement stressing the name of the householders is understandable.

Upstairs on the sitting-room mantelpiece a photograph of a golden-haired dazler flanked by two sturdy little boys, also golden-haired, needs no caption.

The picture—publication rights of which will not be granted until the children are grown up—shows Marlene Dietrich with the two youngsters to whose existence she owes her own best trademark, grandsons six-year-old Michael and four-year-old Peter.

For the lady of the house is Marlene's daughter, Maria Riva, aged 29, wife, mother, clinic worker, interior decorator, child psychologist, chef-de-cuisine, and actress—and every bit as beautiful as her mother, twice as busy, and, I think, far happier.

### New socks

WHEN I called at the cream-coloured house with the yellow front door ("We painted it ourselves"), Mrs Riva was playing about four of those parts rolled into the one labelled "proud housewife." Offstage noises included the hum of the vacuum cleaner and Peter's voice demanding money.

"He's got the five-and-ten to buy socks," explained his mother. "The boys seem to need new socks every week. So I thought it a good plan to make socks the things they must learn to buy for themselves. It's worked very well. They both adore shopping."

She went on to explain why Maria Riva the actress was "resting" at the moment, and for the first time the oblique reference to "Mummy" crept into the conversation.

"I'm waiting for a 'plain' part. I've discovered that north of the equator acting is those in which you look plain. But they're terribly difficult to get. You can understand why, with my family connections, I'm most anxious to establish myself as the type of serious actress who never, never can be regarded as a glamour girl."

I looked hard at the lovely lady and said I understood, but it still seemed a pity. So the talk was turned to more domestic issues. We did the tour of the house—and if I now say that the Riva residence is full of ideas for people to copy, remember I mean those people who, like Maria, just happen to be married to scenic designers.

To start with there was the low table on which our tea things were set out. "It's the top of a Victorian piano that Bill" (he's Mr Riva) "found. He cut off the legs, put glass over the top and turned it into a coffee table."

### Making do

MRS RIVA was almost apologetic about it. "Almost everything in the house is made out of something else. You see, when we bought the place five years ago we had no furniture and no money. We're still furnishing."

I commented on the giant candles—about 2ft. high, and 12ins. round—which lit up the corners of the various rooms. "We haven't got round to buying standard lamps yet. The candles cost only \$2.50 each (about 18s.), and as we light them only in the evening, they last for months."

But it was the kitchen that impressed me most. Gadgets had been kept to the bare minimum necessary for efficiency and replaced with warm, colourful knick-knacks. Mr Riva has built for his wife, with his own fair hands, a brick cooking range in the centre of the room. He has made her a set of spice bottles, and labelled them with squiggly lettering in gold.

### Indoor fun

THERE was one of those old-fashioned black-japanese coffee grinders—the kind they use in our grocery shops. And there wasn't a single piece of furniture that wasn't badly dated.

My hostess explained these details. "The boys make them with their bicycles. As this is the room I spend most of my life in, I encourage the children to play in it—otherwise we wouldn't see much of each other. So they go whooping around while I cook. They go 'It's got to be that I can now bend over a hot stove at an angle which allows a bicycle or a scooter to pass without knocking me into the soup.'"

The daughter of the world's most glamorous grandmother, you see, has life organised down to the finest point.

Another Page From Skyscraper Scrapbook on Thursday.

## Unst Bitten, Twice Shy

By BERNARD WICKSTEED

MOSCOW? Siberia? Pooh! What sort of a traveller does Rene MacColl think he is? I have been further North than MacColl in the whole of his visit to Russia and I never left the British Isles to do it.

The island of Unst—the U is pronounced as in uncle—is where the total eclipse of the sun might have been seen (but wasn't). It is further north than Leningrad, Moscow, or anywhere on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

It is nearer the North Pole than the whole of Labrador, most of Canada, the tip of Greenland and a lot of Alaska. It makes John O'Groats seem Deep South.

At midnight on Unst, just now it is so light that you can play golf or go fishing. In the winter it does not get light until nine in the morning and it is dark just after lunch. About a thousand Britons live on Unst and when first you get there you wonder how, and then why? The island is only 12 miles long and about six across at the widest. Most of it is bog and there is nothing you could call a tree.

### Dumped!

THE party of intrepid scientists and explorers who went to Unst last week to study the effects of the atomic bomb on the island's flora and fauna, were dumped at the airport by a snowstorm.

A motorboat called the Viking had brought us over from the island of Yell (and what a scream that place is, too). There was supposed to be a car to meet us, but the only signs of life were some sad-looking sheep and a score of Shetland ponies. Bill was wearing grey flannels and a blazer. He had gone to the office in Glasgow that morning and been told to go instantly to Unst. Sooner than freeze to death he now volunteered to go off and see if the Eskimos were friendly.

While he was away in the tundra, two Norwegian fishing boats came by (we were only 200 miles from Norway) and if only we'd had some whale blubber we might have lit a fire to attract their attention.

Rather to Bill's surprise, he found a perfectly normal farmhouse with a nice peat fire, a telephone and a daughter. So he was gone rather a long time. As a result of his phone call some one sent a 14-seater bus to pick up the castaways. Just in time, too. With winter only a few months ahead the expedition could not afford to be caught in the open.

### Full hotel

SO the bus took us to a hotel. Honestly, a real hotel. But it was full. You would hardly move in the corridors for the number of people who were there. We were in a rooming house and, looking at the people who were no bedmates at all, the winter nights are so long they have time to read the works of John Galsworthy. Scott, Tolstoy, and Dostoevsky are the only books that are read.

All the people we met said they liked living on Unst. You can buy a croft house with enough land to live on (in a way) for £40. For 10s. a year you can rent a bog and cut your own peat.

Then you put up a windmill in your back garden and make your own electricity. There is no shortage of wind. During the war when troops were there a gale blew the orderly room away and dumped it half a mile off in the sea.

### Piebald

AT Unst they have a film show once a week, and in the winter there are dances and merry parties.

When the coal mines became mechanised the bottom fell out of the Shetland pony market. They are trying to catch the circus trade by breeding them piebald now. Some of the sheep are piebald, too, though who wants a piebald Shetland sheep? I cannot think.

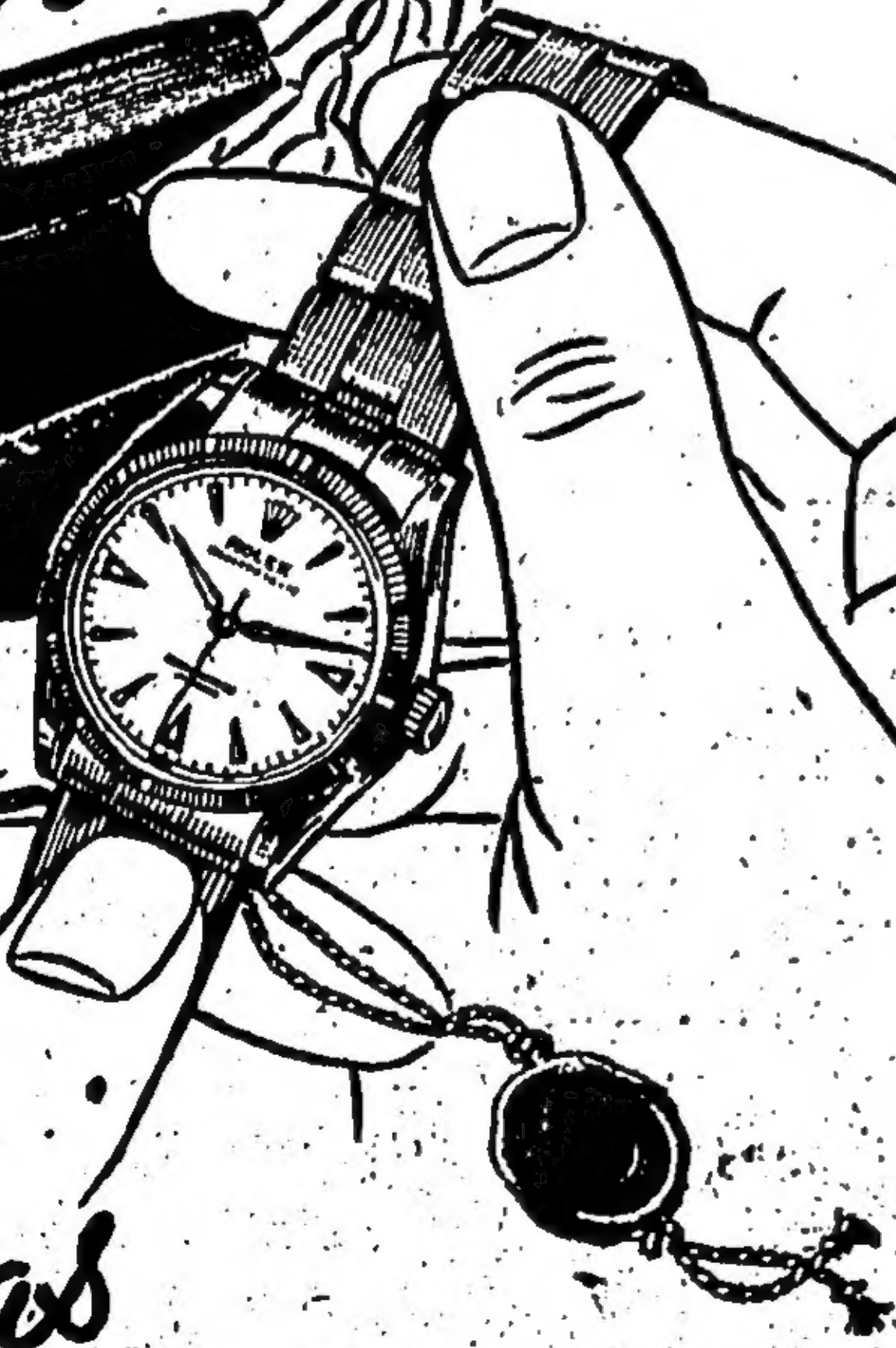
We did not see the eagles, but we did see the lighthouse on a rock called Muckle Whiggar. The keepers are the most northerly residents of Britain. Muckle means large, but no one seems to know what a Muckle is. Half a mile beyond the lighthouse is another rock called the Out Stack. It is positively the last bit of Britain. It was first noted in 1847 by Lady Franklin, wife of Sir John Franklin, who was on a voyage to the Arctic.

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## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

LORD RAVENSBLOOD, smiling suavely, took the butt of a cigar from behind his ear, placed it in his mouth, struck a match on the heel of his pin-striped trousers, and touched a button on his desk which released 74,931,456,000,000 gallons of water in the Wye Valley. "What have you done?" cried Esther Hollister. For answer, the haughty peer puffed a spiral of Havana fragrance towards the ceiling, and through the open

window behind him came Commodore Travers, stealthy as a cat. Esther's eyes grew round with wonder. (Tomorrow: The Girl on the Wye Dam.)

\* Say it slowly.

Psychomom

THE suggestion that trained psychoanalysts should form a kind of shock-corps to deal with sales-resistance is one that pleases me immensely. Acting on the theory that people who refuse to buy a product only refuse because they are longing to buy it, these business psychiatrists will probe the subconscious reactions of their victims by scientific sales talk blended with questions designed to uncover the dormant motivational urge-complexes of purchasers. But what I hope to see is a psychoanalyst trying to persuade a psychiatrist to buy something he doesn't want to buy, and therefore, really does want to buy, but does not want to buy.

Tin Jottings

TODAY'S hand looks as though it might have been taken out of a book, but it was dealt, and played recently in the national championships in Washington. Low Mathe, the Los Angeles bridge master, saw the chance for a brilliancy and took full advantage of it.

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Declarer naturally decided to go after the diamonds. If entries to both hands had been plentiful he might have led the ace of diamonds first, and then returned to his own hand in order to lead a second diamond towards the queen. Such a play might have limited the diamond loss to one trick.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Watch For Chance, Then Make Hay

BY OSWALD JACOBY

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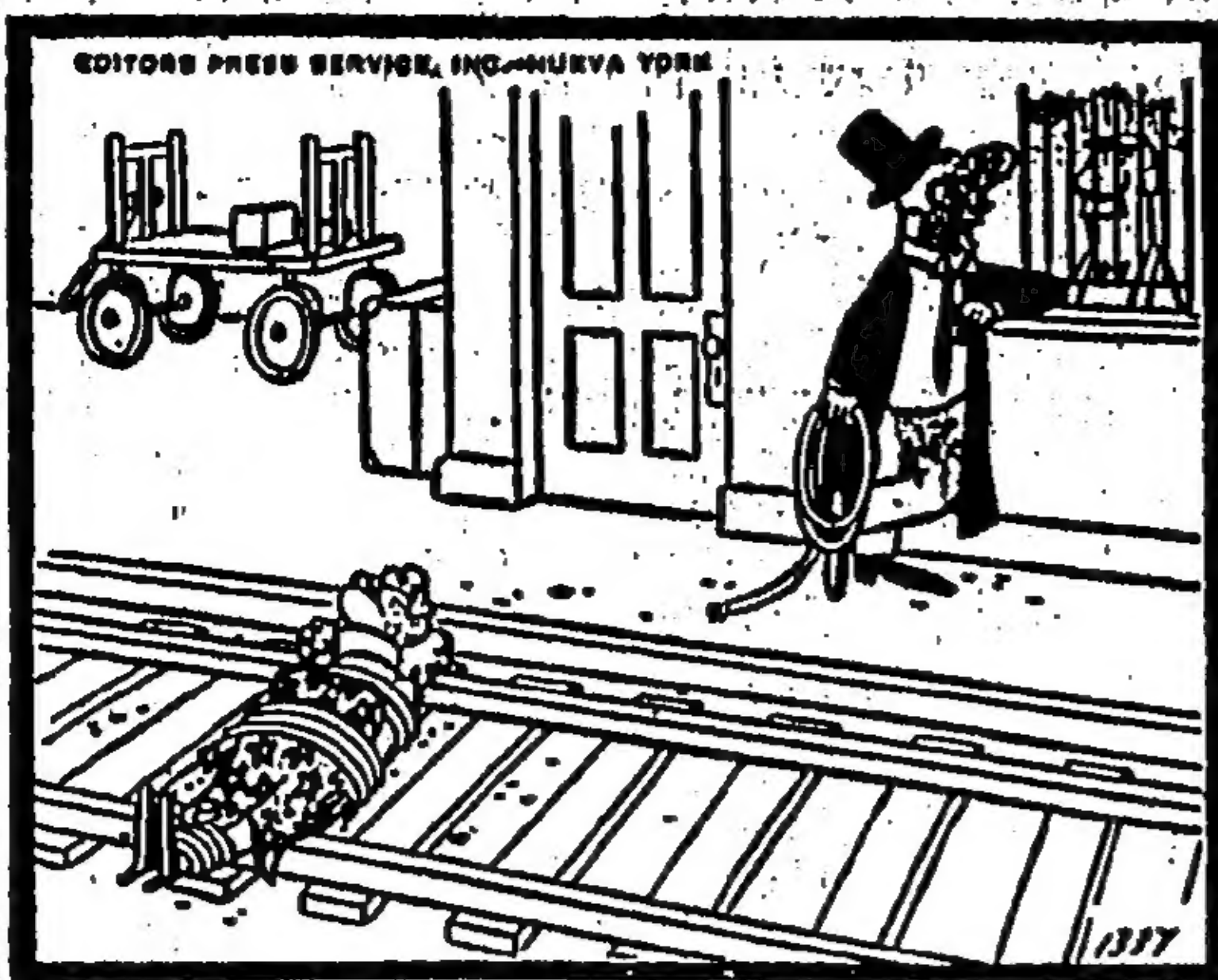
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"I wonder if I could have a train schedule, please?"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

BORN today, you have a lavish, expansive personality. You like to do things in the grand manner and are always thinking up new and different methods to change the status quo. Although unconventional in your methods of working for your ideas, once your objective has been reached, you may revert to a conventional attitude. This is disconcerting to those who have known you in your more liberal-minded days. In fact, you will need to guard against becoming too automatic.

You have a gay disposition, but are apt to superimpose a severe, didactic personality over this which submerges your real self and makes you overbearing. You are also a chronic "wonderer." And the more you worry, the more strict you become with those who work with you. Naturally intuitive, you are apt to become superstitious as well. This is something you must guard against, for it could lead you down the wrong path when making important decisions. Learn to be the master of your own fate, not the victim of a fate you may imagine.

You have personal magnetism, which draws people to you without any apparent effort on your part. Your home life is important to you and your marriage should bring exceptional happiness and contentment. Among those born on this date are: Dimrell, statesman; Albert (Hugobert), author; Laura D. Bridgman, educator; Ernest Du Pont, inventor and manufacturer; David L. Brainerd, explorer; Joseph Stalin, former Russian premier.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

RAGNARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take advantage of the early morning hours to make progress, for things may slow up when afternoon comes.

GENI (May 22-June 21)—Develop a new idea now and it should bring you excellent financial returns. All business efforts are favored.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This can prove another fine day for all your efforts, so take a positive, constructive attitude toward things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fine day to make future plans, especially if they involve some financial or business venture in prospect.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The ruler of your sign is smiling broadly in your direction, so acquiesce to consummate important plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Morning hours are especially advantageous for business prospects, especially if in retail selling.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—One of those so-so days when you should just take things as they come. High-pressure techniques are out of place.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)—Complete an important objective today. You should find that things are moving in your direction.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Combine new ideas and business techniques to advance your prospects. Career aspects are excellent.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You can convert today's conditions to your personal advantage if you accept an opportunity offered you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—The morning hours are more productive of good results, so concentrate on an important job then.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Take advantage of the early morning hours to make progress, for things may slow up when afternoon comes.

# WOMANSENSE

## An Original Sweet And Seasonal Cookies



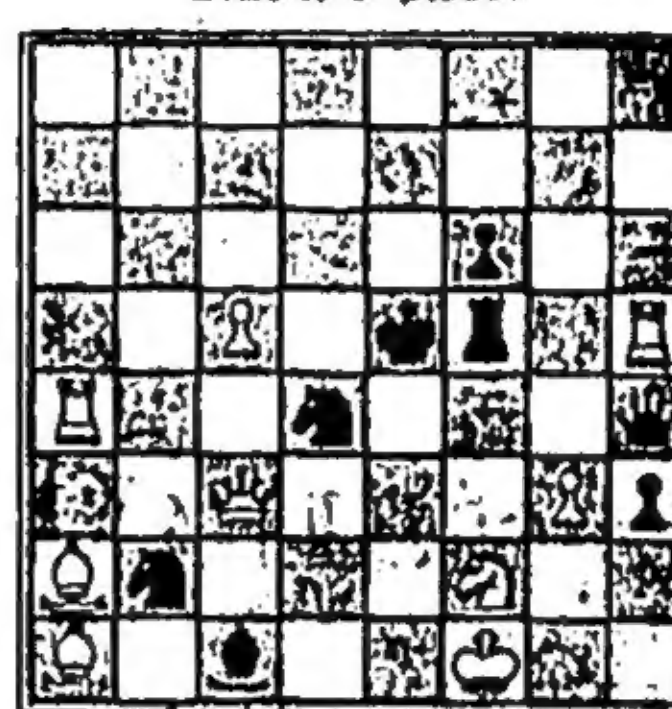
This is an original headpiece worn by one of the models at the Saint Catherine's Day which is celebrated every year in Paris by splinters of 25 and over.

### Household Hint

When threading a machine-needle, hold a piece of white paper under the needle and this finicking little job will be easy.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By F. GUILBOT.  
Black, 8 pieces



White, 9 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Q-B4, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

By ALICE DENHOFF

IT'S time to make cookies, aromatic, spicy, delicious Christmas cookies. Here are some good ideas to add to your holiday baking recipe file, beginning with delectable Orange-Ginger Cookies.

### Orange-Ginger Cookies

To prepare about 36 1½-in. cookies, cream ½ c. shortening until soft and fluffy. Add 1 c. sugar gradually and beat until light and creamy.

Add few drops orange coloring and work in 1 egg, beating well. Sift together 2 c. sifted flour, 1½ tsp. ground ginger, 2 tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Add alternately to shortening mixture with 2 tsp. orange juice. Add 2 tsp. grated orange rind, blending well. Chill 1 to 2 hrs., or until firm. Roll on lightly floured board ¼-in. thick. Cut into rounds or into fancy shapes. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake at 375° F. 8-10 min. or until lightly browned. Watch carefully since these burn easily. Cool.

### Date and Nut Bars

Nutmeg Date and Nut Bars are as fine a holiday cookie as we have sampled, with a true Christmas flavour.

For 32 bars, combine, mixing well, 1 beaten egg, ¼ c. sugar, ¼ c. molasses, ¼ c. shortening, melted. Sift together 1 c. sifted all-purpose flour, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. soda and ½ tsp. ground nutmeg; stir into egg-sugar mixture. Blend in ½ c. chopped nuts and 7-oz. package mixed dates, chopped fine. Line a 9x12-in. pan with waxed paper; grease lightly. Bake at 350° F. 40 min. or until done. Turn out on wire cooler; remove paper.

When cold, cut into 32 bars. Roll in confectioners' sugar.

Here are Ginger Christmas Cookies, the recipe for 60 3-in. cookies.

Cream ¼ c. soft shortening and ¼ c. brown sugar. Add 2 eggs and ¼ c. molasses, beating with rotary beater until smooth. Sift together 2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, 1½ tsp. soda, ¼ tsp. salt, 2 tsp. ground ginger and 2 tsp. cinnamon. Work into shortening mixture. Chill dough 3-4 hrs. Remove half the dough from refrigerator and roll out on lightly floured board ¼-in. thick. Cut with desired cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets and bake at 375° F. 8 to

10 min. or until no imprint remains when touched lightly. These cookies scorch easily, so watch carefully. Cool and decorate with coloured icing and coloured sugars, if desired.

### Jumble Cookies

For Christmas Jumbles, work 1½ c. finely diced mixed candied fruits into dough. Chill 1 hr. Drop by the spoonful on greased sheets and bake. Or grope hands and shape into small balls. Bake. Remove from oven and roll balls in powdered sugar.

For tree decorations make small holes in cookie with top of toothpick before baking. Insert string when cool.

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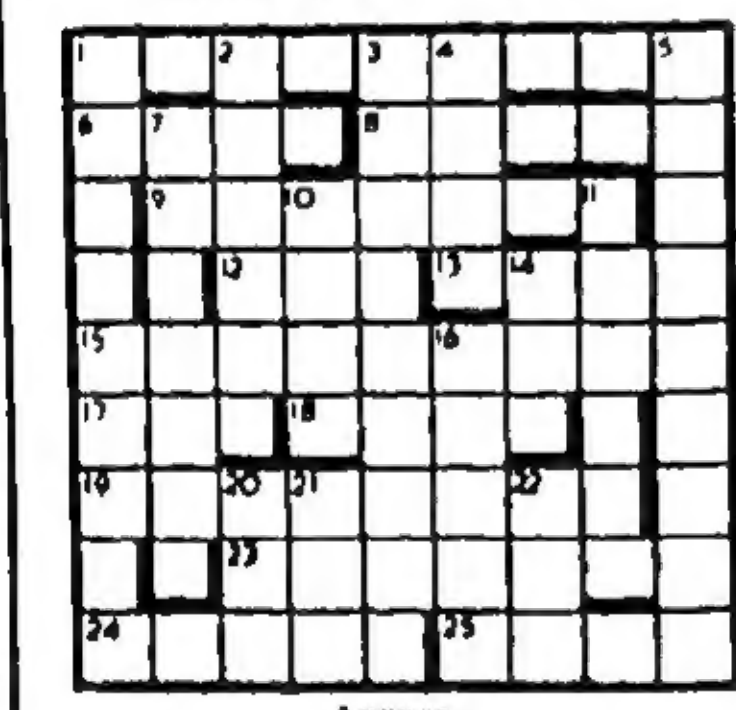
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6. Cherry one is associated with Washington's youthful prank. (6)  
7. There's loss of life in the fire. (4)  
8. This puts your head in a noose. (4)  
9. Bull returns with a thousand inside. (4)  
10. Liza has supplying the power. (4)  
11. The luck of this camp has been related. (6)  
12. Learn from him—although 12 across is one up. (6)  
13. Civilization and Beth, for instance. (4)  
Down  
1. Top of the form. (4)  
2. The kind of path a countryman likes. (6)  
3. Bob is this kind of relative? (6)  
4. This is a trick of the tongue. (4)  
5. These plus get mixed up. (4)  
6. Can this mean an advertising man's office? (7)  
7. A soon as in front this could make a big blow. (4)  
8. Strides towards his wife like a ghost. (Macbeth). (6)  
9. Out this down—it's invigorating. (6)  
10. They're honoured in Arabia. (6)  
11. This kind of school teaches the application of paint. (6)  
12. Noise from the gallery? (3)  
13. There may be only in the air these mornings. (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Blinky Mole is Very Happy

—He Thinks It's a Beautiful World—

By MAX TRELL

BLINKY MOLE was sitting on the steps just outside the back door of his house under the stump of the old apple tree. As usual, he was wearing his dark glasses. Blinky's eyes couldn't stand the sunlight. The sunlight made them wink and squint. That's why he wore the dark glasses.

### A Mole's Ditty

But Blinky felt fine. He hummed a song to himself. Just then Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about nose, came along. "Good morning, Blinky," Knarf greeted him. "Ah, top-of-the-morning to you, Knarf," answered Blinky. "Sit down for a minute and have a talk if you're not too busy." "What are you going to do today, Blinky?" Knarf said after he sat down. "That's hard to say," said Blinky. "I might do lots of things. I might dig a bit more in my tunnel. I might go down to the pond and visit Old Croaker the Frog. I might visit Square Squirrel. I might do lots of things. Only I've just decided to sit here and do nothing."

Knarf said that was a nice thing to do when you didn't have anything else to do. "I haven't," said Chirpie. "I've finished my work. I was just about to ask Chirpie to bring up a dish of acorn tea. How are things going on over at the house?"

"Fine," said Knarf. "Children all well?"

"Yes, everyone is well."

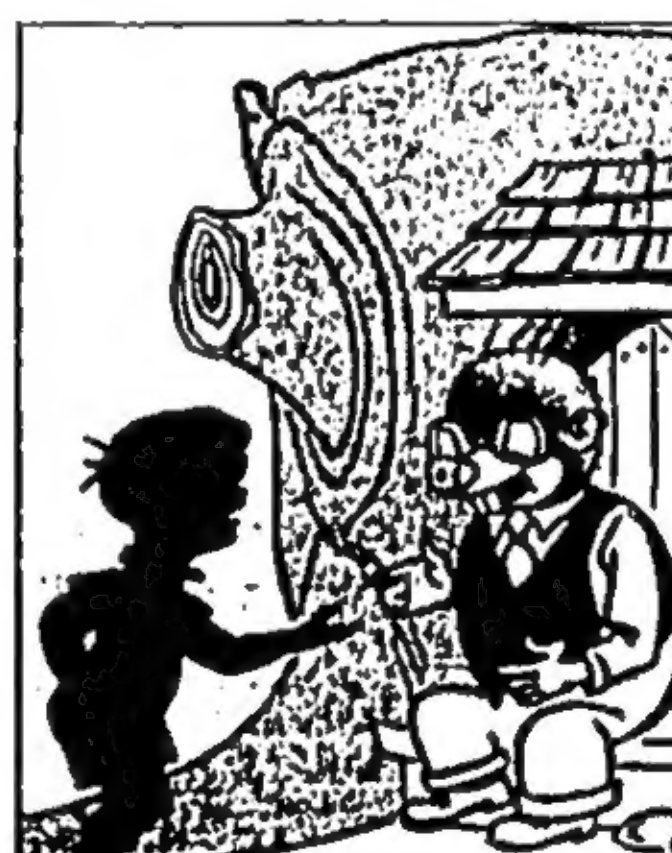
### Planning A Party

"That's wonderful. I'm glad to hear it, Knarf. Oh, Chirpie! Hello, down there!" he suddenly called down to the chipmunk. "Will you bring up some tea and come and join us? Knarf is here! We'll have a little party."

"Right away, Blinky!" Chirpie called up from the underground house. "I'll put the kettle on the fire!" "You know," Blinky went on to Knarf, "I've been thinking of what a lovely old world this is. There's plenty to eat for everybody—plenty of room—plenty of good friends to say good day to—plenty of more friends to sit down with for a quiet chat over a cup of tea."

Blinky was silent for a moment or two. He took off his dark glasses and looked out at the sunlight for just a second, then put the glasses back on again. "And lots of work to keep busy over," he went on. "That's the important thing—keep busy at your work! I never did know a good creature who didn't have lots of work to do. And of course, when the day's work is done, you're entitled to sit down and rest and think about things and talk about things."

There was a sound of footsteps and Chirpie came up with the teapot and cups and saucers and sugar and milk.



Knarf found Blinky Mole sitting on the steps.

Blinky looked over. "Yes, a beautiful old world, isn't it, Chirpie?" "Sure is," said Chirpie. "I wouldn't trade this little piece of world that I live in for anything! Would you, Chirpie?" "I sure wouldn't," said Chirpie. "Would you?" Blinky asked Knarf.

### A World of Wonders

Knarf shook his head. "I wouldn't either," he said. "I think this is a wonderful world."

"Even when it rains," said Chirpie. "Yes, even when it rains and the wind blows," said Knarf. "Then Blinky and Chirpie and Knarf all smiled and settled themselves comfortably on the shady steps of Blinky's underground house, and they all had a cup of delicious, fresh acorn tea."

## Rupert and the Magic Ball—1



In the village street of Nutwood Rupert comes across a small group of his friends all talking cheerfully. "Hello, Rupert!" one Bill Badger says as he approaches. "What are you hoping to get for Christmas?" "I don't quite know," says Rupert. "I want such a lot of things, and I can't decide what I want most!" "What! Haven't you written to Santa Claus yet?" exclaims Percy Pig. "You old slowcoach. You'll be too late!" They move away, leaving Rupert looking suddenly anxious about his presents.

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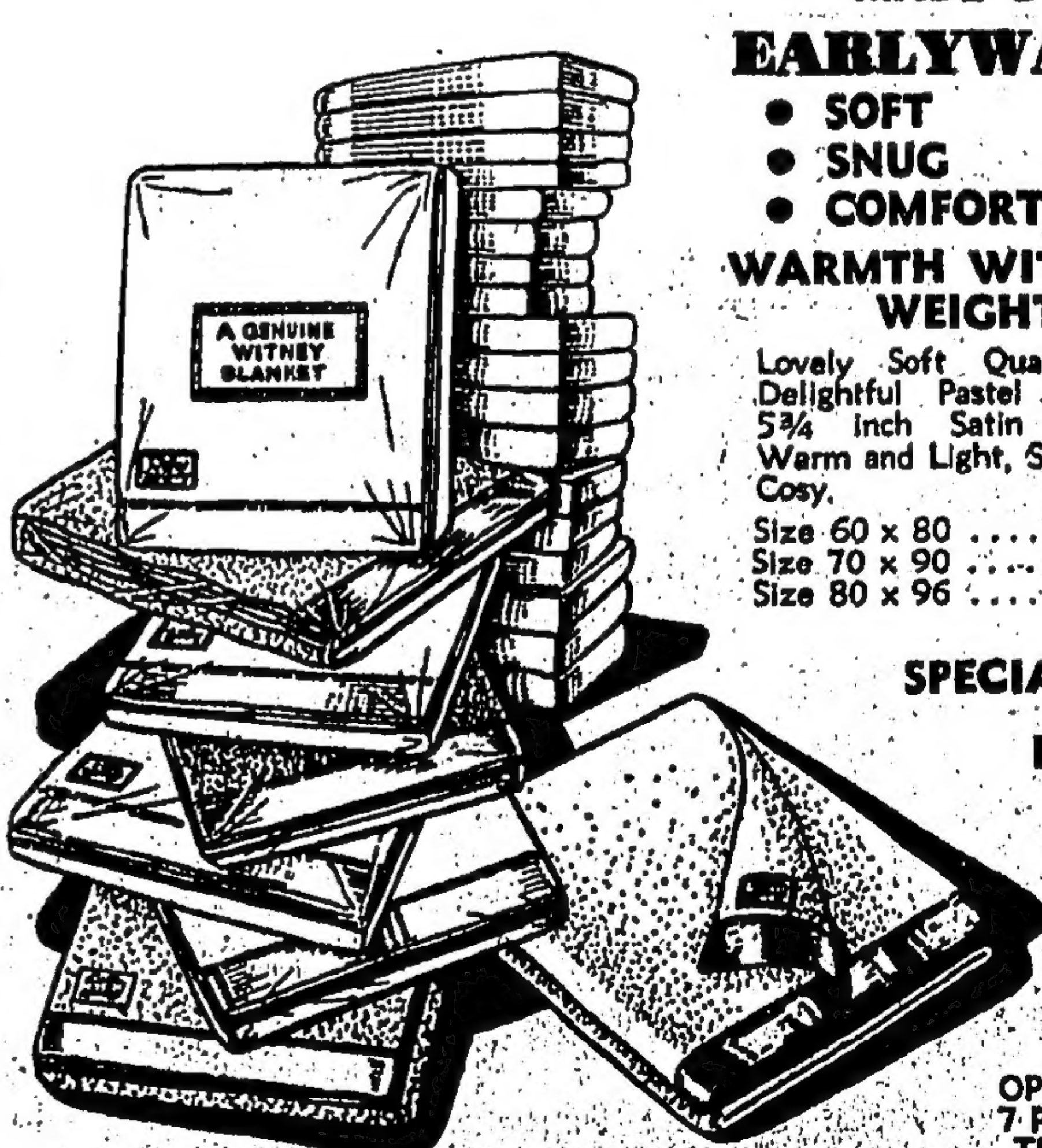
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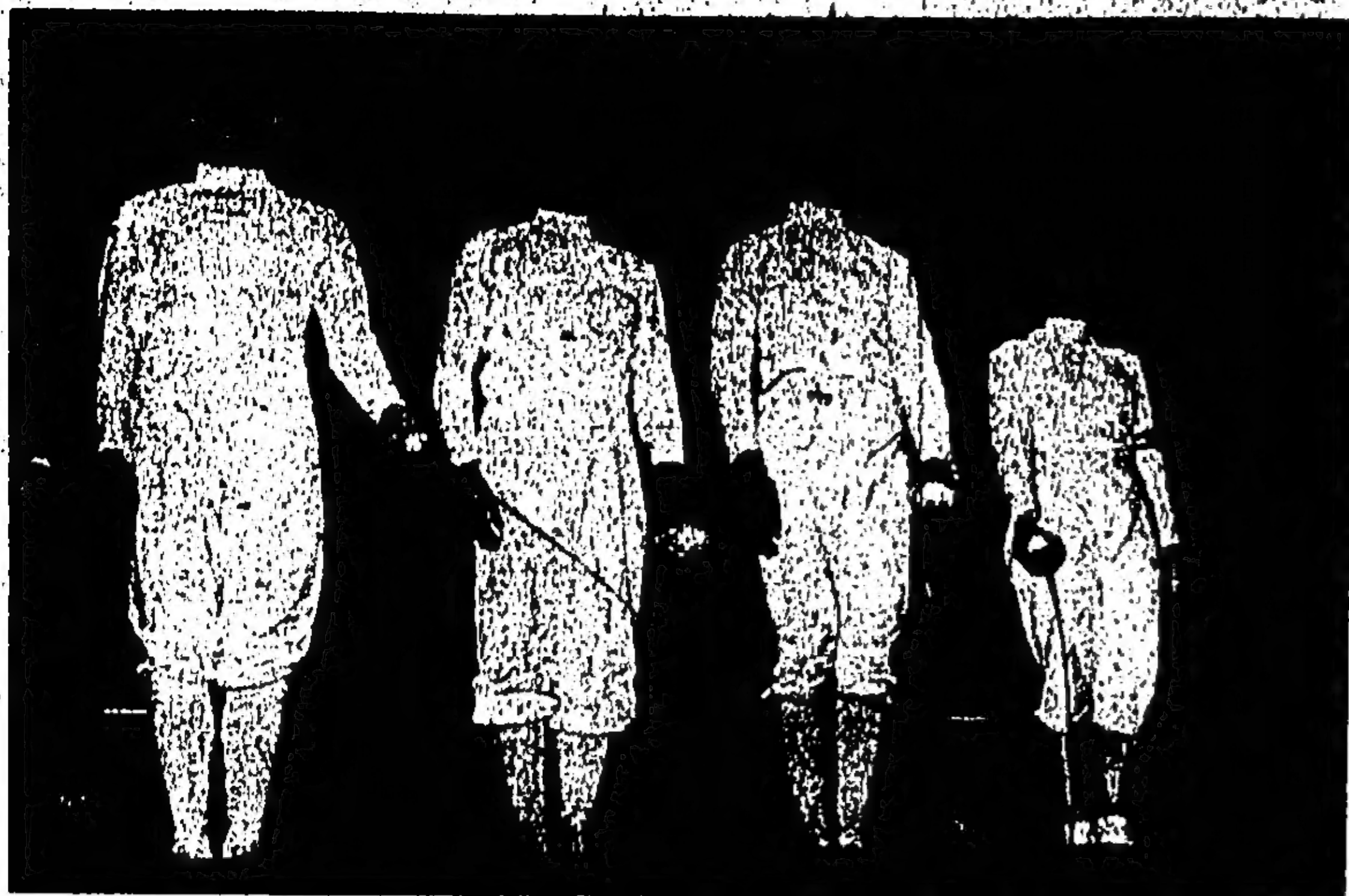
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## WINNERS OF TRIANGULAR MATCH



The French fencing team who won the triangular match against Hungary and Italy in Paris. From left to right—Christian d'Ortola, J. Lefevre, A. Mouyal and Mlle. Renee Garlille.—Agence France-Press Photo.

## RACING PIGEONS GENERALLY COME HOME

# The Treble Winner Came In Ten Years Later At Its Fourth Attempt

By J. W. TAYLOR

The month of December in Britain opened with an event of prime importance to thousands of bird owners all over the country. It was the International Racing Pigeon Championship at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London, the first for individual fanciers to be held anywhere in the world.

Leading British breeders and racers sent the pick of their lofts to compete against birds from Japan, South Africa, America, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Yugoslavia. The Japanese, South African and American entrants, flying over on specially booked air passages, were looked after on arrival by the British showmen until the proceedings began.

In addition to the international section entering for 13 countries, there were 30 classes

for British fanciers only, and altogether the show cages housed over 3,000 competing pigeons, insured for close on £50,000.

This show spotlights a working man's hobby and sport which has now become almost an industry throughout Britain and in late years has attracted additional fanciers to the ranks from all walks of life, one and all taking great pride in the active interest in the sport taken by royalty, whose lofts at Sandringham have for many years now contained some very fine birds.

It is particularly flourishing in the North, where the record for a long-distance pigeon flight has been held ever since that day in 1913 when a homer alighted in a backyard at Spennymoor and made sporting history. It belonged to Harry Foster and Billy Scurr, and had flown over 1,000 miles in one day from Rome to County Durham.

## GLORIOUS UNCERTAINTY

Experts will tell you that it is the glorious uncertainty of pigeon racing that makes it so fascinating, a typical example of this being provided in the West Durham Amalgamation race this summer from Nevers.

This was won against thousands of crack entrants from Northern Lofts by two youngsters named Brown and White. Both novices at the sport, the birds surprised their owners by covering the 685 miles 685 yards at an average speed of 802 yards a minute.

During this year's busy season, British Railways carried close on a million racing pigeons from the North East alone to take part in races worth thousands of pounds in prize, stake and sweep money.

Six hundred van loads coaxed their way to various racing points in Britain and on the Continent, and 20 special trains and hundreds of other private waggon reservations were booked from the mining areas

of Northumberland and Durham. And the story is the same in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, the Home Counties and throughout the British Isles.

These fanciers, in co-operation with their fellows in many parts abroad, have built up a highly developed and widespread organization that works on an international basis with rules, regulations and a watchful hierarchy as stringent and powerful as those of other racing sports.

The big events from France to the North of England have to be arranged so that they do not clash with the Continental birds racing home. Even a pigeon, it seems, might prefer Paris to Spennymoor for the week-end.

With pigeon racing having existed since the war, much care, patience and accuracy are needed to organise hundreds of seasonal races in which millions of birds at home and abroad take part in one season.

Organisers give as much as £50 for their fine clocks which meticulously record the time of a pigeon's return to the loft. Before racing all clocks concerned are synchronised to the split second and each sealed in such a fashion that the owner cannot tamper with the stamping mechanism which tells to the fraction of a second the time of a pigeon's arrival.

A ring from the bird's leg is put into a small tube and pushed through a slot in the clock for a faithful time recording. The distance, by the way, is measured to within five yards, and it is nearly a full-time job for one expert correctly to run up the actual mileage covered by a flight of pigeons racing from, say, Amiens to Kirk Merrington, or from Nevers to North Road, Darlington.

**AIR MINISTRY HELPS**  
A racing pigeon's speed depends a great deal on wind and weather, and before a big race specially ordered detailed reports are obtained from the Air Ministry, just as would be done in respect of an aircraft.

In some instances, for long hops, the birds begin with a journey by plane to the Continental starting point, and complete "under their own steam". Under favourable conditions a bird can reach 60 miles an hour. The record speed for any pigeon is over 2,000 yards a minute.

But of all the thousands of pigeon fanciers throughout Britain, not one is able to solve the age-old mystery—how does the bird find its way home, what mysterious sense guides it, on flights as long as a thousand miles?

There was the war-time pigeon released from a shot down British bomber over Norway in a November fog. The bird was back in its loft by breakfast-time. But the one that caused a flutter in the County Durham lofts was the treble winner of the Durham to Chichester race for owner F. G. Parkinson of Ushaw Moor. At the fourth attempt the bird called to clock in within anything like the regulations limit. But it eventually came flying home—ten years later!

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Soccer  
Div. 1: Slingshot v. Navy (Club)  
4 p.m.  
Meeting  
Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee Meeting SCM Post Boxed Room 130 p.m.

## TOMORROW

Badminton  
Men's "C" Div. Y & O v. CCC; Nav Bharat v. HKU; CYMCA v. Recreation  
Tennis  
Men's "C" Div. Double: Police Reserve v. St. John's; St. Stephens v. Recreation; C.C. v. Recreation  
Jockey  
Army, Major, and Minor, United Challenge Cup First Round

## THURSDAY

Table Tennis  
Finals of European Table Tennis Championships at the Maudslayi Sports Centre at 7 p.m.

## NO RED CARPET FOR RUSSIAN TENNIS STARS LORD TEMPLEWOOD DROPS A CLANGER WHICH WILL ECHO ROUND THE WORLD

By DENNIS HART

Sport and politics do not mix. Especially when it's the politician who gets sporting ideas. Take the case of Lord Templewood, President of the Lawn Tennis Association.

Lord Templewood, former British Foreign Secretary, has held top government posts in the Admiralty, the Air Ministry and in Home Affairs. He was Britain's Ambassador to Spain in a special mission during the War. Educated at Harrow and Oxford, his academic and political achievements occupy five inches in Who's Who.

Clearly Lord T. should know the right thing to say and when to say it.

But no. He has dropped a clanger which will echo round the world—especially in the Soviet Union. And it will drown many a Christmas good-will tinkle.

Lord Templewood, having generously admitted that he has no objection to Russians competing on Wimbledon's hallowed lawns—subject to conditions of course—went on to inform one and all at the LTA meeting that the Soviet conception of sport is "entirely objectionable".

He added that the Soviet's different outlook "must not result in a lowering of our standards of amateur play and sportsmanship".

With due deference, I submit that noble lordship is talking through his coronet.

He should climb down from his cushioned Wimbledon seat, canopy and all, to see what's going on in the wide world; to see the example in conduct set by Moscow Sportak footballers; the sportsmanship of runners like Vladimir Kuts, when run to earth by Chris Chataway, and of the Russian oarsmen who came to Henley.

So Russian sportsmen are aloof? When aloofness takes competitors above such things as childish tantrums when decisions are given against them, it wouldn't come amiss—even at Wimbledon. Centre Court crowds are tired of show-off acts by tennis's prima donnas—male ones that is.

And amateurs? The very word is a standing joke in Lord T.'s own sport of lawn tennis. It is shared heartily by "tennis" stars who tour the world, staying in the best hotels and living off the fat of the land.

Everything is provided, from laundry to catered state lunches. And they have enough expenses over to swell bank balances to healthy proportions. Healthy? They're darn robust. Amateurs? Come Lord T., be reasonable!

## NOT CLEAR

The reason for Lord Templewood's attack isn't clear. Like most unreasonable utterances, it's probably due to fear—fear the Russians may expose Wimbledon's standards of play and behaviour.

Lord Templewood goes on to attack Russians for using sport "as an instrument of national prestige." Perhaps they do, although when Moscow Dynamo triumphed Arsenal 5-0 the only prestige bleats came from Britain, who said they had lost it. Russia didn't claim to have gained prestige, anyhow.

And what country doesn't aim to boost themselves through sport? "It would be wrong to produce second-rate performances when representing my country," were the words of Britain's "true blue" amateur Roger Bannister when announcing his retirement recently.

## JUST ANOTHER NAME

Russia, of course, gives her athletes state aid. She confers honours like "Master of Sport," a title they were proud to give Britain's own Chris Chataway. But only last year Britain's and Lord Templewood's LTA set forth on their encouragement of youngsters scheme.

Firms were asked to employ promising tennis players and give them all the time off they needed for practice and tournaments. State aid? It's just another name for it.

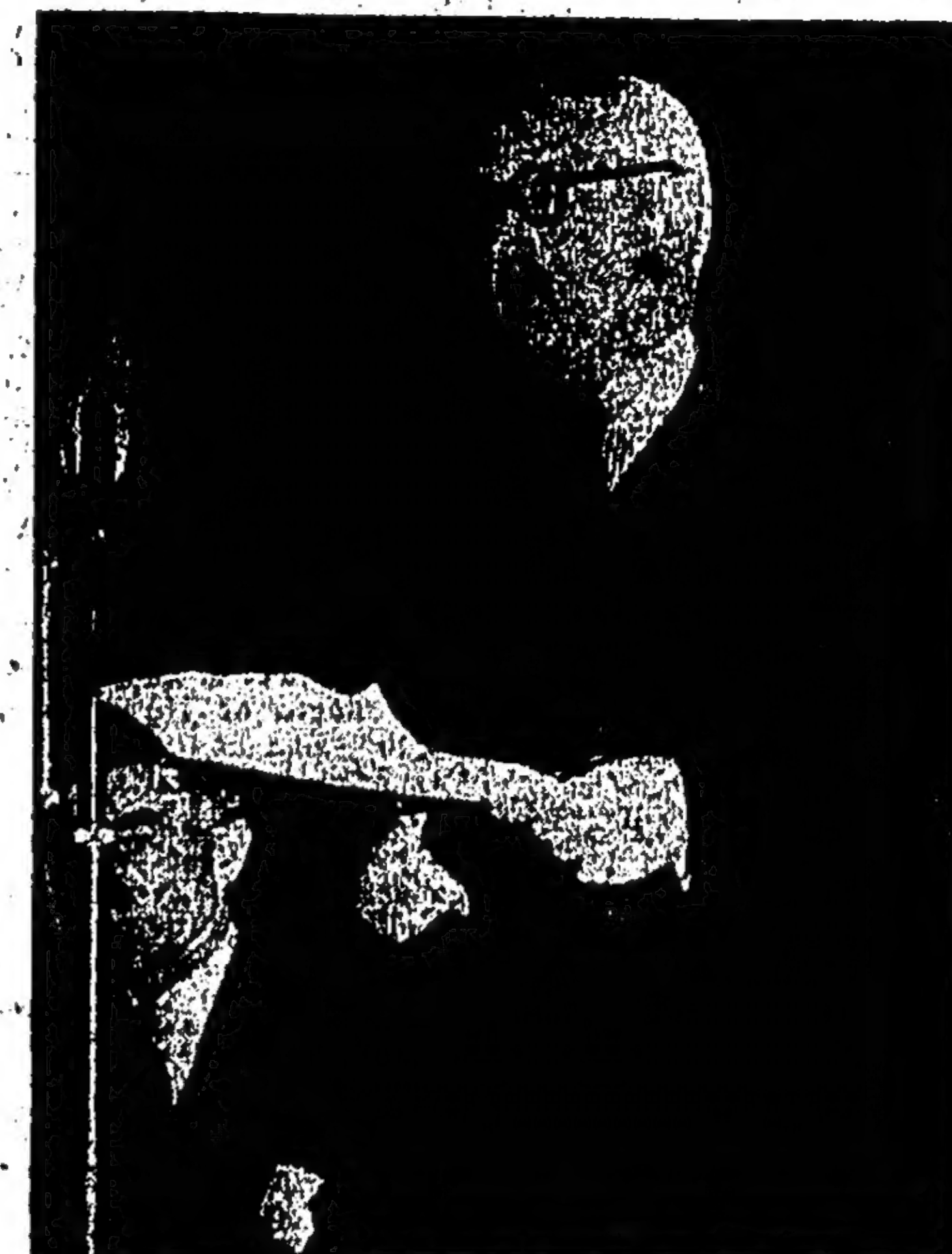
And is the attitude of honouring men who have done something by their own efforts so dreadful compared to giving a knightship to someone who rides horses so that other men can win money?

Lord Templewood's final broadside concerns the "unscrupulous" propaganda that victory or defeat in a game is evidence of a country's decadence.

Agreed here Lord T. But who said it was? (London Express Service).

## HOLE-IN-ONE

H. W. K. Hanks holes his tee shot on the 175 yard 7th Hole on the Old Course at St. Andrews on Sunday, August 14, 1954.



In his Presidential address at the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, Lord Templewood declared: "If the Russians wish to play in the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships it should be on conditions."

Their entry, he contended, should not result in a lowering of British standards and should be on the principle of athletic co-existence.—Reuterphoto.

## PERFECT PRESENT

By HENRY LONGHURST

As the years advance, many will agree it to be more satisfying to know that one has given the right present to someone else than to receive a satisfactory one oneself.

If that be the case, let me set at rest the doubts of any who propose to make a presentation to a golfer. The answer is "The Complete Golfer," an anthology compiled by Herbert Warren Wind and published by Heinemann at 25s.

Mr Wind is an American and, though before the war he spent a couple of years at Jesus College, Cambridge, is not, on account of the currency restrictions which prevent any west-to-east flow of books published solely in the United States, as widely known over here as he ought to be.

He is, as Bobby Jones says in his introduction, "devoted to golf, and a fine, sensitive writer on the game, whose works range from essays of the most accurately appreciative kind to some of the finest golf reporting I have ever read."

## NOTABLE DOUBLE

With "The Complete Golfer," Wind completes a notable double. His monumental "Story of American Golf," outstanding by the finest work of its kind within my own knowledge, must assuredly prevent anyone attempting anything similar for the next 25 years. The present book will equally surely put paid to golfing anthologies.

A number of my colleagues, and indeed my humble self, could produce a passable anthology on golf in our own country, and so doubtless could a number of American writers in theirs, but I doubt whether anyone else could have captured so completely the cream of the golfing literature of both sides.

As the 30 pages of cartoons from 1900 to the present day prove Mr Wind is at home as much with "Punch" as with "The New Yorker," for which exacting journal he was for some years a special writer.

His plots have short stories—written with impartiality by American writers, two by English (P. G. Wodehouse and J. C. Burrowes) and one by Paul Gallico—who used to be one of "Punch" and may now by long residence be claimed as "one of them." There is what he calls "The Spirit of the Game"

Reminiscences, Comments, History, Humour" ranging from Smollett's description of the Links of Leith to Stephen Potter on "Golfmanship."

Yet how ancient a phenomenon is the golfer. Here is Horace Hutchinson writing deliciously about him in 1880, the year in which he won what was really the first Amateur Championship. Hints to Golfers of Riper Years, he called it, and I could quote it without end.

## MASTERS' VOICES

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Give me, though, Great Players and Historic Moments—from Bernard Darwin on "The Trilumvirate" to Hogan on "The Greatest Year of My Life"—and give me, above all, back-boarded, brooding, bitterly-ried Walter J. Travis on "How I won the British Amateur Championship."

Savage stuff it is, mellowed only by the passing of 50 years. "The natural-born golfer... the uncomfortable feeling that we were pariahs... couldn't even get a locker... and finally 'the cup sent on from Sandwich (Ga.) 66, carriage to pay' all denied—in through having the wrong package"... and the member of the Oxford and Cambridge Society, alas, remarking "We shall never see that again!"

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pianos, gramophones, records,  
and other accessories.

## WANTED KNOWN

MORFAT WHIPPING for all party  
celebrations. It is an excellent  
whipping cream at a most reasonable  
price. 1 lb. tin \$1.30, 5 lb. tin \$5.00.  
No artificial coloring. The table cream  
is for \$1.25. Obtainable at all  
grocers.

DR. SCHULLEN'S Foot Comfort  
Socks. Telephone House (Mezzanine)  
Lackington offers you feel a happy  
Christmas. Look in today while  
supplies last.

## NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC  
COMPANY, LIMITED

## Notice To Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that  
an Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the Members of  
the Company will be held at  
the Registered Office of the  
Company, 4th floor, P. & O.  
Building, on Thursday, the  
23rd day of December, 1954  
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of  
considering and if thought  
fit passing the following  
Resolution as an Ordinary  
Resolution:—

"That it is desirable that  
the agency agreement  
entered into with Messrs.  
Gibb, Livingston & Com-  
pany, Limited dated 18th  
November, 1947 be ter-  
minated and the Board of  
Directors of The Hongkong  
Electric Company, Limited  
be and are hereby authorized  
to offer the sum of \$3,000-  
000.00 as compensation to  
the said Messrs. Gibb,  
Livingston & Company,  
Limited in consideration of  
the total abandonment of  
all the contractual rights  
under the agreement dated  
18th November, 1947, and  
that if the offer be accepted,  
the Board of Directors of  
The Hongkong Electric  
Company, Limited be  
authorized to enter into a  
Deed of Cession with  
Messrs. Gibb, Livingston &  
Company, Limited giving  
effect to the said arrange-  
ments for the termination  
of the Agency."

By Order of the Board  
of Directors,  
**W. STOKER,**  
General Manager.

Hong Kong,  
Tuesday, 23rd November, 1954.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have re-  
ceived instructions to sell by  
Public Auction at 10.30 a.m.  
on Thursday, the 23rd  
December 1954, at their Sales  
Rooms, Pedder Building,  
Basement:—

A Very Fine Collection of  
Curios — including Porcelain  
Vases, Bowls, Plates, Figures,  
Ornaments, Jade Articles,  
Cloisonné Ware, Pottery,  
Embroidered Coats, Chinese  
Hand Paintings, etc., etc. —  
Full Particulars from  
Catalogue.

On view now.  
Terms: 50% in cash on fall  
of hammer and balance by the  
following day.

**LAMBERT BROS.**  
Auctioneers.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

## "BATAAN"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at Holt's Wharf from  
10 a.m. on December 22, 1954,  
and consignees are requested to have  
their representatives present during  
the survey.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, December 20, 1954.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

## "PERSEUS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at Holt's Wharf from  
10 a.m. on December 23 and 24, 1954,  
and consignees are requested to have  
their representatives present during  
the survey.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, December 20, 1954.

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

P.O. Box 53 Queen's Building Tel: 26651

## FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

"VIETNAM" sailing Dec. 31st  
"CAMBODGE" sailing Feb. 25th

## FAST FREIGHT SERVICE

"BIR HAKEIM" sailing Dec. 21st  
"MEKONG" (1) sailing Jan. 9th  
(1) will call at London

## S.A. FINANCE MINISTER CLARIFIES STATEMENT

Pretoria, Dec. 20.

Mr Eric Louw, the South  
African Finance Minister,  
denied yesterday that  
he had hinted to a  
London newspaper cor-  
respondent that South  
Africa may not be re-  
presented at many more  
Commonwealth Prime  
Minister conferences.

Mr Louw was referring to an  
interview with him published  
last week in a London news-  
paper.

His statement yesterday said  
that in the main the report was  
fair but that the reporter had  
"slipped up rather badly when he  
wrote 'Louw went on to hint  
that South Africa may not be  
represented at many more im-  
perial conferences'."

## GET FACTS STRAIGHT

In view of the fact that a  
conference of Commonwealth  
Prime Ministers — not an im-  
perial conference — would be  
held soon, it was necessary to  
get the facts straight, Mr Louw  
said.

"I was referring to criticism  
in certain newspapers that Mr  
Charles Swart (Minister of  
Justice) would not be able to  
stay for the full period of the  
conference and then I said  
the conference was being held  
at a most awkward time, namely,  
the beginning of the Parlia-  
mentary session."

"I added that if it were ex-  
pected a member of the Union  
Cabinet were to attend future  
discussions, these would have to  
take place when the Union  
Parliament was not in session,"  
Mr Louw's statement concluded.  
—Reuter.

## OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS

## Big Rolls-Royce Backlog Of Export Orders

More than \$44 million of Rolls-Royce engines  
and spares have been exported since 1946.  
Announcing this figure last week Mr J. D.  
Pearson, Chief Executive of the Aero Division of  
Rolls-Royce, said that at present the company  
has a backlog of \$21 million in export orders.

Aero exports from the United Kingdom as a  
whole since 1946 have totalled \$332,000,000. At  
the present time the backlog of British orders for  
export is higher than it has ever been before.

The first Viscount of a stream  
of ninety new orders has  
been delivered to the Western  
hemisphere. The airline is  
for Trans-Canada Air Lines,  
and within thirty months it  
will be followed by the re-  
maining eighty-nine aircraft for  
T.C.A., Capital Airlines, British  
West Indian Airways, the  
Canadian Department of Trans-  
port and Linca Aeropostal  
Venezolana. This stream of new  
aircraft deliveries will bring to  
Great Britain well over 80,000-  
000 dollars.

## MORE ECONOMICAL

The Viscount delivered to  
T.C.A. is an even more  
economical aircraft than the  
airline had originally ex-  
pected to receive. Improve-  
ments to the Dart engines  
have reduced the fuel con-  
sumption by 9 per cent, and  
raised the cruising speed by  
18 m.p.h. to 320 m.p.h.

The T.C.A. Viscounts are  
equipped with a new system of  
cabin pressure control which is  
self-regulating. Fully automatic,  
it adjusts the cabin pressure as  
the aircraft climbs to its re-  
quired altitude, ensuring pas-  
senger comfort without adding  
to the duties of the aircrew.

These aircraft have been de-  
signed to suit a North American  
operator. They have American  
radio and numerous American  
instruments, with a special  
cockpit layout to suit trans-  
Atlantic crews.

The deicing system, which  
makes use of the engine ex-

haust gases to provide heat, has  
already been proved by flights  
in the extreme low tempera-  
tures and ice-forming conditions  
of the Canadian winter. The  
cabin heating system maintains  
normal room temperature in the  
cabin even when flying at 20,000  
feet with an outside air tem-  
perature of -50° Fahrenheit.  
For summer use, and for flights  
in sub-tropical climates, an air  
refrigeration device is fitted  
which prevents the cabin tem-  
perature from rising above 80°  
Fahrenheit.

## BOMBER TRAINER

The first twin-jet bomber  
trainer to go into service  
with the United States Air  
Force will be an American-  
built version of the English  
Electric Canberra, the  
Martin B57-C.

The U.S.A.F. has placed a  
production order for a number  
of these aircraft, for training  
purposes. The Canberra is al-  
ready in service in the U.S.A.F.  
as a bomber, reconnaissance,  
night intruder and experimental  
aircraft. Now it is to be used  
for training in night-flying,  
navigation (from radio beacons  
to jet-flying) and conver-  
ting single-engine pilots to  
twin-engine flying.

The American Canberra  
trainers will have full bombing  
equipment, so that they can be  
used for tactical training as well  
as training should the need  
arise.

Every air traveller who has  
visited Zurich recently has  
admired what is one of the most  
up-to-date airports in Western  
Europe. Its equipment is in  
keeping with the modern layout  
with a new radar supervision  
system to ensure the safety of  
all aircraft within range. This  
is the Cosser Airfield Control  
Radar, which takes an im-  
portant step forward in aviation  
electronics. It has a device which  
cancels out all permanent echoes  
removing them from the radar  
screen. In country like the area  
surrounding Zurich, where the  
mountains give numerous echoes,  
this feature greatly assists the  
clear interpretation of traffic  
movements.

The Auster A.O.P.9, a spotter  
aircraft for observing artillery  
fire, has now completed its  
service trials. These were de-  
liberately intended to strain the  
aircraft to the maximum, to  
reveal as quickly as possible  
any minor faults.

A team of five pilots worked  
in relays during the 150-hour  
period of the aircraft's service  
trials. The tests showed that the  
landing run of the A.O.P.9 is  
well under 100 yards.

## HEAVY RAIN

During the twelve-hour  
period the plane was con-  
tinuously flown out of and  
back to a stubble field,  
criss-crossed with deep ruts.  
This was carried out in  
heavy rain, which resulted  
in the bogging of cars and  
even of the fire-tender,  
while the A.O.P.9 continued  
to land and take off un-  
impeded thanks to its low-  
pressure tyres.

During the trials over 1,000  
take-offs and landings were  
made, but the springing of the  
undercarriage proved fully able  
to cope with the worst ridges of  
the stubble field.

"Aviation Week" says:—  
"PAA's Douglas DC-7Cs on order  
will be placed almost entirely in  
high-density seating, tourist-  
class service. The carrier's fleet  
of Boeing Stratocruisers, rated as  
the best airplane for passenger  
comfort, will continue to handle  
greater portion of first-class  
service, since the installation of  
improved turbo-superchargers  
and extra wing tanks is expected  
to enable PAA operate trans-  
Atlantic non-stop Stratocruisers  
service about 65% of the time."

Nylon "hemp" and  
anchor chains are being used  
by the American Air Force in  
England to stop runaway jet  
aircraft from being damaged.

## AT RIGHT ANGLES

The apparatus now being  
installed on stations in  
East Anglia consists of a  
net stretched at right angles  
across the runway. In the  
event of a plane which has at-  
tached a destroyer's anchor  
chain.

It is claimed that a six-ton  
aircraft can be stopped in 450  
feet after engaging the net at  
100 miles an hour.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



## FERD'NAND

By Mik



## NANCY So!

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TALK  
ABOUT  
MAGIC!

Have you seen

**Admiral**

AIR CONDITIONERS  
AND REFRIGERATORS

**BE HEALTHY**  
(more vitamin C)

**BE WEALTHY**  
(amazingly economical)

**AND WISE**  
(the name you trust)

**Lifely** FROZEN ORANGE  
JUICE C

**DAIRY  
BOX**

MILK  
CHOCOLATES

...this situation  
calls for a

**San  
Miguel**

## EVERETT LINES

**EVERETT ORIENT LINE**  
Fast regular freight — refrigerator —  
passenger service to Korea, Japan,  
Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya,  
Rangoon, Calcutta and Cebu.

## "LENEVERETT"

Arrives Dec. 24 from Singapore.  
Sails Dec. 25 for Kobe & Yokohama.

## "BRADEVERETT"

Arrives Jan. 1 from Manila.  
Sails Jan. 2 for Singapore, Penang,  
Rangoon & Calcutta.

(Accepting cargo for transshipment  
Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

## EVERETT STAR LINE

Fast regular freight — refrigerator —  
passenger service to Korea, Japan,  
Philippines, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya,  
Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.

## "STAR ALCYONE"

Arrives Dec. 29 from Cebu.  
Sails Dec. 30 for Kobe & Yokohama.

## "THAI"

Arrives Jan. 16 from Japan.  
Sails Jan. 16 for Singapore, Port Swetten-  
ham, Madras, Colombo,  
Bombay, Karachi, Basmah,  
Kuwait & Bahrain.

(Accepting cargo for transshipment  
Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

**EVERETT STEAMSHIP CORPORATION S/A**  
(Incorporated in the Republic of Panama  
with limited liability)

Chinese Department: Telephone 28293.  
Queen's Building, Telephone 31206.



## XMAS OVER THE WORLD

Today our writer tells you about the sumptuous feasts in Scandinavia.

Sweden is celebrating her most expensive Christmas yet.

Food, wine, spirits and presents all cost more this year.

Only motorcars are cheaper, and few Swedes can afford to give these away at Yuletide.

The State Price Control Board, with a wary eye on the new inflationary pressure, has issued a list of goods which are to be sold at fixed prices during the Christmas season and the New Year holidays.

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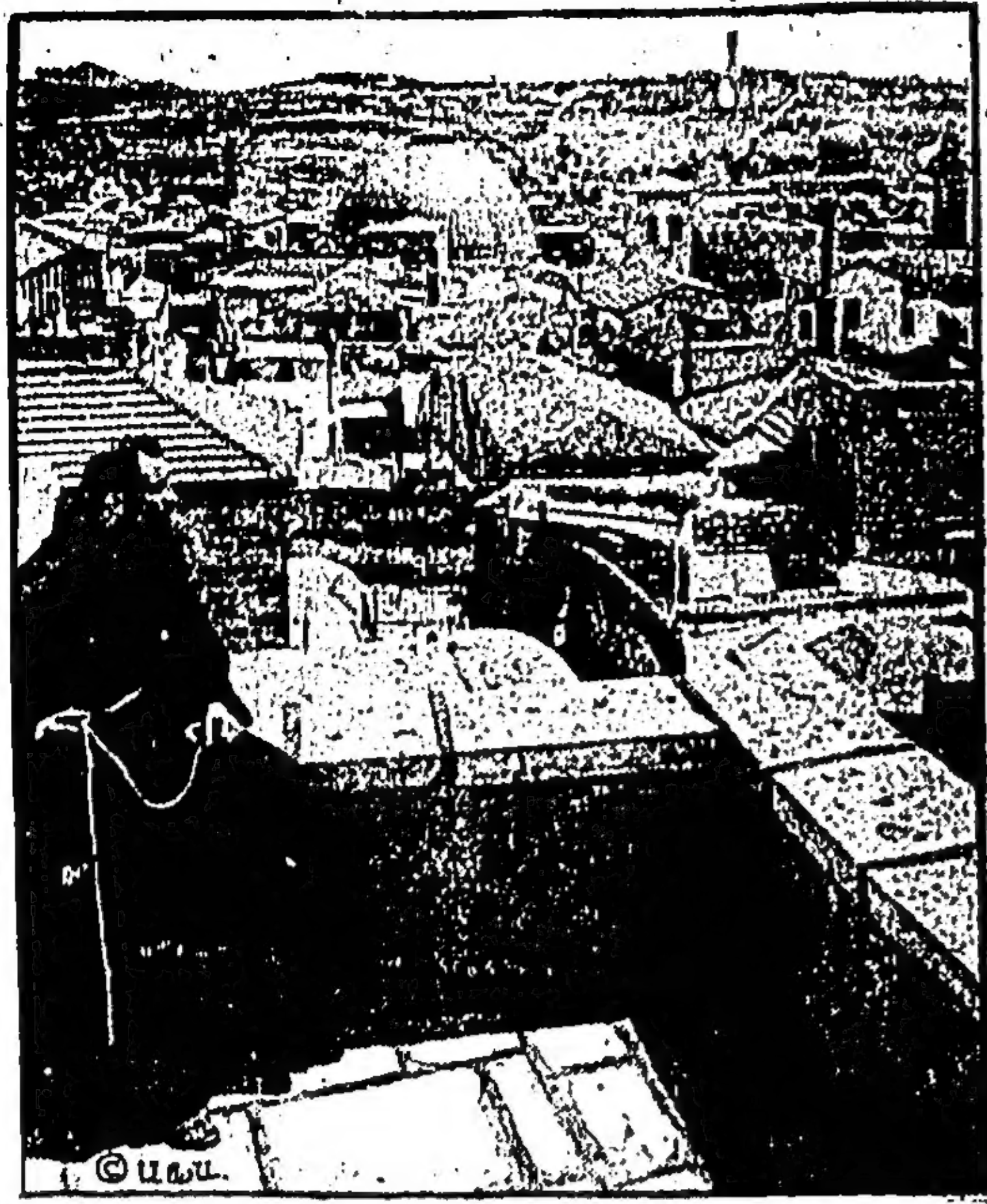
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The Mount of Olives at Jerusalem.

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However, it is not in the evening or in worship, Christmas Eve is a busy day in Finland. Perhaps that is why the Finns spend Christmas day resting at home or at a family gathering, chat with their closest relatives.

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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

AMERICAN ECONOMY  
Government Indications  
That Easy Money  
Policy Will Hold

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 20.

Indications that the U.S. Government would hold—at least for the immediate future—to its policy of "cushioning" the economy with a programme of "easier money" and low interest rates highlighted developments and financial circles this week.

A statement by Chairman William McChesney Martin, Jr., that the Federal Reserve System is maintaining its easy money policy helped lift stock market prices on Wednesday after two days of profit-taking this week. Mr. Martin is a key figure in regulating the U.S. money supply. He indicated that any envisioned change in the monetary policy either way would be gradual.

World Cotton  
Markets

New York, Dec. 20.  
Cotton futures today edged upward irregularly for the fifth session in a row.

Gains of 60 cents a bale carried the list to the highest level since early November with the March contract getting the most lift, to 34 3/4-cents.

At the close the list ruled up 8 to 10 points. Opening prices were off 3 to 4 points. New Orleans closed up 1 to 1 1/2 points.

Abundant hedge pressure, marking apparent the urgent marketing season, joined with more encouraging news from the textile markets, and the use in securities in shipping market sentiment.

New Orleans buying in the May-July deliveries and investment buying by charter readers of the market but were in the new crop months kept the bears on the defensive after a mixed start.

Memphis brokers were accredited sellers of around 5,000 bales in the October delivery. Other spot firms were both to the Army quarters but were apparent buyers on balance.

Possibilities that the long-awaited buying surge in textiles may be under way were encouraged by weekend reports of the consumption of a good-sized business in print clothes, wide industrial fabrics and that the Army quarters was seeking more than 1 1/2 million yards of shirtings.

Trading volumes and open interests in the exchange today were:

NEW YORK  
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

NEW ORLEANS  
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

LIVERPOOL  
Official values in spot cottons, in pence per lb. include:

SAO PAULO  
Future closing prices, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

NEW YORK COCOA PRICES  
New York, Dec. 20.  
Prices of cocoa closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

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The Federal Reserve, by its policy of setting reserve requirements for stock transactions, can effect a tightening or loosening of business credit and materially affect the economy upward or downward.

Mr. Martin noted that the Federal Reserve policy boosted the supply of money some 2 1/2 per cent during the 11 months of the recent decline, starting in July, 1953. He indicated that the Federal Reserve would put more restraint into its money policy if undue credit inflation appeared or if the rebound in business activity became greater than seasonal.

He refused to comment on reports that the Federal Reserve would cut its 100-day mortgage requirements on stock purchases. These requirements were lowered from 75 per cent to 50 per cent in February, 1953.

BOOMING PRICES  
Booming stock market prices which have advanced over 40 per cent in the last year have been watched closely by Government experts as a source of potential danger to the stability of the U.S. economy. But last week, as a percentage than Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Humphrey said the Government contemplated incoercive action to break market prices. There was some feeling in official circles that the market—at least in the short run—was not going to be so much as to touch off an inflationary price spiral.

The independent role of the Federal Reserve in influencing the nation's credit supply—long disputed by Democratic leaders—appeared to have now won a measure of support from both parties.

The absence of any acrimony at the meeting last week of the economic stabilization subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the economic report, was taken as an indication that the Administration's monetary and debt-management policies have been endorsed by both parties—at least for the time being.

An early test of the Eisenhower Administration's "flexible" monetary policy may come next spring if the general economic upturn causes some tightening of money supply. At that time it was felt, the Democrats will certainly renew their attacks unless the Administration fails to take effective corrective action in the meantime.

NO MAJOR CHANGE  
It appears that the Administration policy envisioned no major change in its attitude of taxes, money, stock market and deficits.

The Government, it was felt, would not risk tampering appreciably with the economy by restricting the general availability of money at a time when economic indications in recent months presage a continued upturn. It would more likely help keep the economy supplied with adequate funds.

With its growing commitments for defense and economic aid in Asia, it now appears that the government will not be able to balance its budget. Instead the target is now to hold the deficit down to about 3,000 million in fiscal 1955.

There were prospects also that the scheduled five-point cut in the corporate income tax next year would remain at its current 52 per cent level. Prospects for reductions in excise also appeared dimmer at this stage.

Elsewhere, amidst optimistic forecasts from many segments of the economy, the Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production climbed three points to 129 per cent of the 1947-49 average, after adjustment for seasonal factors.

The index for last month was six points above last spring's low at the bottom of a business decline. The all-time high reached in mid-1953.

Increased auto and steel production, shaped by more manufacturing and retail sales. Gains in steel continued into the first half of December, reaching the highest rate for the year—62 per cent of capacity and up one-third from the seasonal low of last summer. The rise is expected to carry over well into 1955.

SAME VEIN  
Along the same optimistic vein was the pre-Christmas meeting of the American Bankers Association's Credit Policy Committee, which business would be better in the first half of 1955 than throughout the year.

The problem of how much, if any, East-West trade was brought into new focus this week with a statement by Agriculture Secretary Mr. Ezra T. Benson that the U.S. was studying possibilities of selling surplus butter which might in turn be sold to Iran, Ceylon, and other nations.

With the new Japanese Government placing added emphasis on boosting trade with Communist China, the U.S. is expected to be under strong pressure to succeed with its announced programme of offering tariff concessions to boost Japan's exports to the West at the February meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

A preliminary hearing in Washington seeking guidance for the Geneva GATT meeting saw American trade groups voicing strong opposition to any proposed tariff industry on Japanese imports.

Representatives of the bulb industry, glassware and photographic products, said any lowering of tariffs would cause a serious injury to American manufacturers.

The textile industry, hard-hit by growing competition from Japanese and European sources, also opposed any contemplated tariff reductions.

Failure of the U.S. to materially help Japan in effecting tariff concessions at the GATT meetings might touch off a new trend toward increased East-West trade not only in Japan but elsewhere as well, it is feared.—United Press.

New York Sugar  
Market

New York, Dec. 20.  
World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 132 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 31 contracts. Feeding of 132 contracts against business in actual sugar in the May delivery featured an otherwise quiet trade in world futures.

Dealers understood the Cuban sugar institute was scheduled to meet today to consider the world sugar situation. Traders thought this might point to some plan for improving world spot prices for improving world spot prices.

Domestic contracts were slow pending Washington developments on the quota.

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'CLEAR PROGRESS' IN U.N.O.

1954 Activities Reviewed  
IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS  
DURING THE YEAR

United Nations, Dec. 21.  
The United Nations Organisation, which began 1954 under difficult conditions, has seen clear progress made during the recent annual General Assembly towards closing the gap between differing points of view among member countries.

During the first part of the year the great world powers clashed violently in the Disarmament Sub-Committee and the United States and the Soviet Union thrashed at the question of peaceful uses of atomic energy in an exchange of notes.

Resolution votes in debates on two questions have, nevertheless, wound up the issue of an important treaty.

The Palestine affair has been the top item in the Security Council, where the world saw the Soviet Union for the first time backing the Arabs in their struggle with Israel.

This Soviet participation brought the Middle East affairs, which until this year remained an isolated problem, into the battle of the "cold war."

Although there has been no merging of views on the question during 1954, at least the problem has been discussed a little more calmly during recent months.

**SLOW PROGRESS**  
Attempts to bring about an agreement in the economic field have made slow but not discouraging progress.

The disarmament question has been mainly discussed by the Disarmament Sub-Committee which met in London from May 13 to June 22 this year.

Britain then endorsed suggestions made by France in June 1952. These suggestions, which came to be known as the "Franco-British plan," were unanimously agreed upon by the General Assembly after slight amendments as the basis of discussions for the Disarmament Committee for the coming year.

This plan was designed to combine measures of control of conventional disarmament with steps to ban the use of mass destruction weapons.

In addition it provides for the automatic transition from

one set of measures to the next one as soon as international control has been effectively carried out.

**SECURITY COUNCIL**  
Most of the year's debates in the Security Council had been taken up with the Arab-Israeli dispute. The Jordanian waters caused Syria to file a complaint against Israel.

The Kybia massacre in Jordan brought Jordanian charges against Israel.

On the other hand, Israel levelled charges against Egypt over the seizure of the Israeli ship the Bat Galim.

**NO CLEAR STAND**  
In all these cases, the Security Council refrained from taking a clear stand, referring them back to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Another important item cropped up in the Security Council during June.  
The affair was the Guatemalan revolution and the complaint that it was the victim of aggression by Honduras and Nicaragua.

The United States said that this was within the province of the central organisation of the American states and not the Security Council.

However, the Council finally decided that it was content with the adoption of the resolution proposed by France calling for the immediate end to all action liable to provoke bloodshed.

Several days later, the question ended with the fall of the Guatemalan Government which lodged the complaint which was withdrawn by the new government.

**ECONOMIC COUNCIL**  
Of the two annual meetings of the Economic Council, that in the summer was the more important.

A close examination of the leading unanimous adoption of several important resolutions leads to several points.

These were the world economic situation, obstacles in the way to international trade of raw materials, the economic development of underdeveloped countries, particularly from the financial angle and the enlarged programme of technical assistance.

Mr. Juan C. Lora, the Chairman of the Economic and Social Council, summed up the Council's work by saying that progress was naturally extremely slow regarding these problems and could only be brought about at the price of great and unceasing efforts.

He said that nevertheless he was encouraged by the results obtained.—France-Press.

Young A/B To Marry Girl He Knew For 5 Days

Miss Rose Cathcart of Honolulu arrived in the Colony by PAA plane this morning to wed A/B Victor Painter of H.M.S. Newcastle.

The couple had met each other for the first time eight months ago when H.M.S. Newcastle anchored in Honolulu en route to the United Kingdom.

They knew each other for only five days but they kept up a steady correspondence since.

Miss Cathcart said that they would be married before Christmas at the H.M.S. Tamar, Chichester.

Asked if she was looking forward to living in England, Miss Cathcart said: "I would like to stay in Hongkong for a while, A/B Painter is from Lewes, Sussex."

EXTENSION GRANTED

An application was made by the Chung Wah Metal Co. Ltd. of 470 Shanghai Street, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould, in the Supreme Court this morning for an order that the period of time to file a return of allotment of shares with the Registrar of Companies be extended.

Mr. S. V. Gittins, instructed by Messrs. Lau, Chan and Ko, appeared for the Company and said the failure to file the return was due to ignorance and negligence in finding out the requirements of the law on the part of the Company's accountant, and was entirely inadvertent. When the return was presented to the Registrar of Companies in 1951, it was rejected as it was out of time.

His Lordship made the order in the terms of the application and granted an extension of time of one week.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My dad's been hinting that I ought to hint I want an electric train for Christmas—should I humor him?"

TORIES EXPECT TO HOLD INVERNESS SEAT

Inverness, Dec. 21.  
Sir Winston Churchill's Conservatives expect to retain their Parliamentary seat with a solid majority in a by-election today in this famous Scottish highlands centre.

The Inverness Parliamentary division, geographically the largest constituency in the British Isles, is scattered over 4,200 square miles of the highlands and islands off the west coast of Scotland, among them Skye, Elgo, Rhum and Nuck.

The election was caused by the resignation of Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton.

**HIGHLAND INTEREST**  
He had a majority of 10,130 votes in a straight fight with Labour in the 1951 General Election.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Three Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Marches around the world—Vanguard Military Band; 6.15, "First Hearing" presented by Hugh Sullivan (Studio); 6.30, Weather Report; 6.45, News; 7.00, World News (London Relay); 7.10, Commentary (London Relay); 7.20, Special Announcement; 7.30, Interview for Music with Frank Baron and his Sextet (BBC); 7.40, Test Cricket; 7.50, News; 8.00, World News (London Relay); 8.10, Commentary (London Relay); 8.20, Special Announcement; 8.30, "Hunting for a Serial" (Alec Horrie); 8.40, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 8.50, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.00, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.10, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.20, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.30, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.40, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 9.50, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.00, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.10, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.20, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.30, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.40, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 10.50, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 11.00, "The Jockey" (Alec Horrie); 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